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Hello,

I understand there is some debate occurring about the future of the SW Library, and I wanted to write to let you know my experience there.

I am a tutor, and until the program was cancelled, I worked for several tutoring companies which administered federally-funded free tutoring to at-risk children. For most of my students, meeting at their homes would have been impractical. We usually met in the evening during the school year, so working outside would have been impossible. Because the families are generally low-income, and often have babies or toddlers with them, meeting in a cafe would have been impossible as well. I had several students in Sedro Woolley, and we met at the library. I really felt the library was our only option, and I am extremely grateful it was available to us. The library was a great community resource for these families to read books with their little ones, check out movies, and have access to the bulletin boards and other community resources the library offers.

I had a very good experience there. Although the library is small and space is limited, I never had any difficulty with the librarians about making noise, even when I met with several lively students at once. When our usual table was occupied one day, the librarian helped us clear books from another display table so we'd have a place to sit. On another occasion, my student needed a place to work where we could make a little more noise and move around a bit, and the librarian offered us the use of a back room where they keep educational supplies.

Overall, I was very satisfied with the Sedro Woolley library and its librarians.

Thank you,

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