

Cuts across the country

Councils across the country currently have plans to close over 400 libraries, and over 50 mobile library services.¹ Libraries are an intellectual, emotional and social lifeline for millions of people: the loss of library services will have serious impacts on very many lives.

In Cambridgeshire

Plans are still not finalised in Cambridgeshire. There are reports that 13 of the 25 branch and communities libraries are 'under review'.² The council has announced that library closures will be a 'last resort' that can be avoided if communities volunteer to help run libraries.³ Volunteers will not be able to provide the same level of specialised service that professional library staff can offer, and it is likely that this plan will still lead to the closure of libraries in some locations.

What can I do?

Above all else, **use your library**, both in person and online.

Fill in a comment form in the library or online, and write to your councillors and MP to voice your support. Make it clear that you value your library service, and that you value the skills and expertise of professional staff running it.

And if there's something you don't like about your library – tell the librarians how it could be better.

Resources

www.voicesforthelibrary.org.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries

friendsofarburylibrary.blogspot.com/

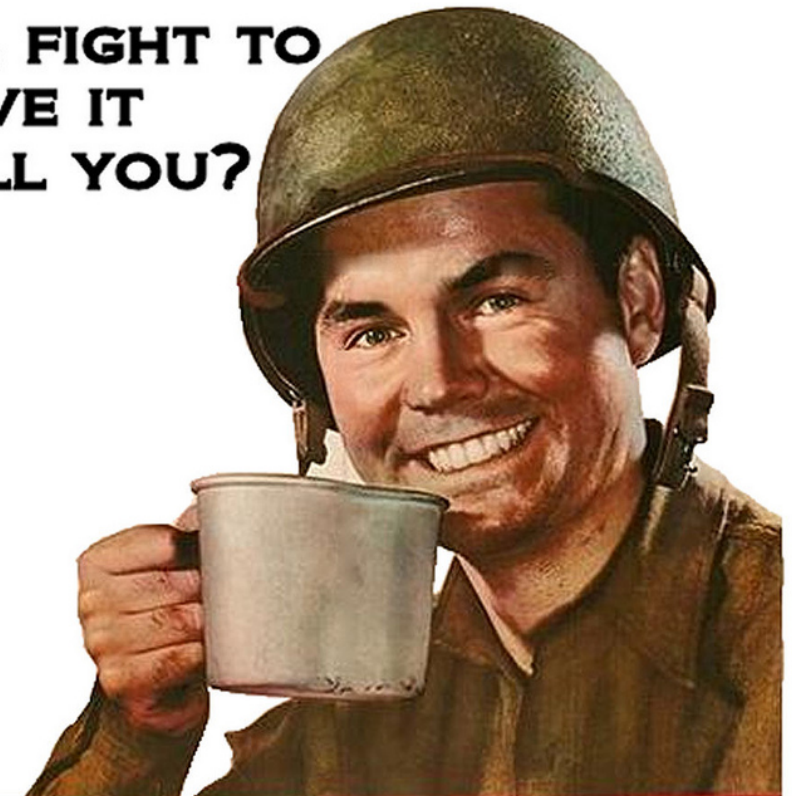
¹ <http://publiclibrariesnews.blogspot.com/>

² <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Home/13-of-25-libraries-are-placed-under-review.htm>

³ <http://bit.ly/edYFIf>

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I'LL FIGHT TO
SAVE IT
WILL YOU?



**LIBRARIES; FREE BOOKS AND
SOMETIMES COFFEE BARS!**

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