LIBRARY CLOSURES

LIBRARIES ARE CLOSING ALL OVER THE UK. BUT HOW WILL IT EFFECT PEOPLE'S LEARNING?

Libraries are closing all over the U.K. 200 libraries closed in 2012 alone. 146 libraries closed between 2010 and 2011 with the number growing to 201 in 2012, and they're still closing now. The government are doing this because they need more money, but should they be saving money on something else?

By closing libraries people cannot use the internet. Also, libraries can give people jobs and closing them makes those people jobless.

Ms Hartnett, a librarian at Burlington Danes Academy, said that "It's a real shame for the community" and that " children come to librar-

ies from a young age and they can read all the books from a very young age and when they get older they are very good at reading." She also said that she didn't think that the government was doing enough and that they were treating it as an "easy way to make sure they don't go over the budget but have not considered some of the consequences there might be."

Ms Hills, a languages teacher at Burlington Danes Academy, said that she thought "language in general is so important and there are lots of people who don't have access to books at home. So libraries are a critical place for people to read and work in a silent at-
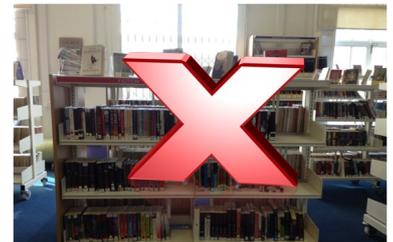
mosphere."

Usher, a student at Burlington Danes Academy, said that he thought that it was "shocking" and "could really effect teenagers."

David Butcher, a campaigner for Kensal Rise library, which was shut down by the government, says that "libraries are very important in lots of communities. They can help people read, research and socialise. The libraries closing down might really effect how people learn." However, nowadays people can read on their Kindles, I-Pads and smart phones so do you really need libraries or are they just wasting the government's money?
John McTernan, a reporter for the Daily Telegraph,

says "there's the argument that your local library is the gateway to a national and international network of literature and education. So it is – but so is your computer". So are libraries really needed?

Libraries are closing all around the UK and people mostly think this is bad, but a few people think that it is necessary for it to happen.

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