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Subject: Message for the Library Board, re space for public information pamphlets

Dear Library Board Members:

I am a member of the organization, For Our Grandchildren, whose mandate is to educate and motivate people to action on climate change, the greatest threat facing the world. I recently stopped at the new library to drop off some pamphlets on how to reduce one's greenhouse gas emissions, as we did at the old library. I was surprised to find that the pamphlet racks at the entrance were no longer there and, when I asked why, I was told that a decision had not yet been made to install them. I am quite dismayed at this, because I see the Library as one of the primary locations where information of interest to the community can be disseminated. This is even more important as fewer people are reading the print media, and social media channels tends to be restricted to social silos which are hard to penetrate from outside.

I asked to whom I should write about this, and was told to write to the Chief Librarian and another person. I have now done so, but someone has advised me to write to the Board as well, where the final decision lies. I urge you to install the public information racks in the new library immediately, so it can operate as the true source of public information that is part of its mandate. I do realize that it will take a small amount of extra work, perhaps a few minutes weekly, for someone to review the rack and remove inappropriate information (which may include commercial advertising), but this is a small price to pay for this important service to the community.

Thanks for your consideration.

I would appreciate receiving a reply with your decision, and the reasons for it if it goes against installing the racks.

Alan Slavin