Short-sighted

AS a group of university academics and museum professionals, all of whom have strong Wirral connections, we wish to register our extreme concern about the council’s plan to close a number of public libraries.

It is a tragically short-sighted move to take away the local element of the library service from the community, especially at a time of rising unemployment.

This plan threatens to become a nationally publicised disaster for Wirral.

It was highlighted in the Observer Review on Sunday, March 22 as probably the worst case of library cutbacks in the UK.

A life’s journey in education and employment can begin with randomly picking up a book on a visit to a convenient local library, which might spark an interest in archaeology, biology, history, or many other subjects.

We are proud to say that this was very much our own experience – please do not take it away from the people of Wirral now.

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