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**Cc:** Brockington, Riley

**Subject:** Public Library Branch for Hunt Club Riverside Area

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Sabiha Khazal. I am a young adult. I've lived in the Hunt Club Riverside Community area for quite some time, but prior to this I lived in the Alta Vista area. My plea is wondering if we could get a new public library branch in our community. That would be the ideal, but it would even be amazing to have a branch placed somewhere near the Hunt Club Riverside Community Centre (even if a space could be rented). Another option would be to have a library space within the Hunt Club Community Centre where a variety of books could be found (not only the approx 16 books found in the machines).

I have very fond memories of my mom walking my sisters and I to the Alta Vista Public Library, winter or summer, where we'd do crafts, have storytimes, and get to pick out our own books. It is one of the fondest memories of my childhood. Now that I am reaching an age to have kids, it saddens me that they would not be able to have this same experience staying in this area (which I intend to). The Greenboro and Alta Vista library branches are not realistically within walking distance for young kids, and even not for others for the winter months. I don't feel we should have to spend money on a car or bus in order not be able to get to our public library branch.

I am also an avid reader, so I get books all the time. I don't get the pleasure of getting to browse book shelves for my next find or the atmosphere of being in a library.

Thank you for considering this.

Warm regards,

Sabiha Khazal