

Commissioner Ken Keechl
Broward County Government Center
115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 412
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Commissioner Keechl:

As a resident of Broward County living in the Galt Ocean Mile area, I am extremely concerned that the Broward Commissioners are considering closing the GALT OCEAN MILE READING ROOM/LIBRARY. I am aware that the County must cut expenses, but I believe it would be a tragedy to close our local library branch.

The Galt Ocean Mile Reading Room/Library is the intellectual heart for thousands of residents along the Galt Ocean Mile and in surrounding areas. It is a sanctuary where its many users find stimulation through reading and the many award winning programs available at the Library.

Most of the residents of the Galt Ocean Mile and neighboring communities are senior citizens and many of them are handicapped, thereby making convenient accessibility of paramount importance. The Reading Room/Library is just a short walk or ride away for these residents, and to shut the door to this vital and irreplaceable resource would be a devastating blow to them. The Library and most of its users are on a barrier island, and there is no replacement for it in the vicinity.

We are taxpayers and voters, and **we are united as one in our determination to keep our Reading Room/Library open.** As one of your constituents I hope and expect that you will listen to what I and my neighbors are saying and that you will make sure that our Reading Room remains open.

Sincerely,

Address

Date

cc: Broward County Commissioners