

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

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Dear Editor,

As a member of the City of Santa Clarita's Newhall Library Committee, I concur with Dr. Marc Winger, fellow Newhall resident and Superintendent of the Newhall School District. The Committee upon which we served was an excellent cross-section of Newhall community representatives and City and County employees. I feel the surveys that were undertaken of our local Newhall community showed a dire need to update our "mini-library" that has long been judged to be limited at best in its ability to serve our community.

I can remember when my sons, who are now in their mid-20's, were frustrated by the limited volumes available at the Newhall Library when they wanted to complete a school project or read another book by a favorite author. Even 10 or 15 years ago we had to eventually trek over to the Valencia library in order to have adequate library resources for our own "Newhall kids."

As a school teacher for 21 years and a school principal for 15 years in the Saugus Union School District, I have never been able to recommend to a parent that they try to find resources to support their child's school projects or reading interests at the current Newhall Library because I knew that it had (has) very limited resources due to its very confined quarters. This is very sad and frustrating for those of us who value and point with pride at the great overall support our public schools receive in our community.

The idea that the excellent work of the members of the Newhall Library Committee may be all for naught leaves me frustrated and sad for the residents of Newhall who will still not have a library comparable to the library that the residents of Canyon Country and Valencia were more expansive branch libraries now exist.

It is my sincere hope that the process of getting this library designed and built can get back on track.

Sincerely,

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