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Subject: Kern County Web Site Feedback - Library privatization

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Subject: Library privatization

Message:
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I implore you to [keep our libraries a public entity and fund them appropriately.]

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