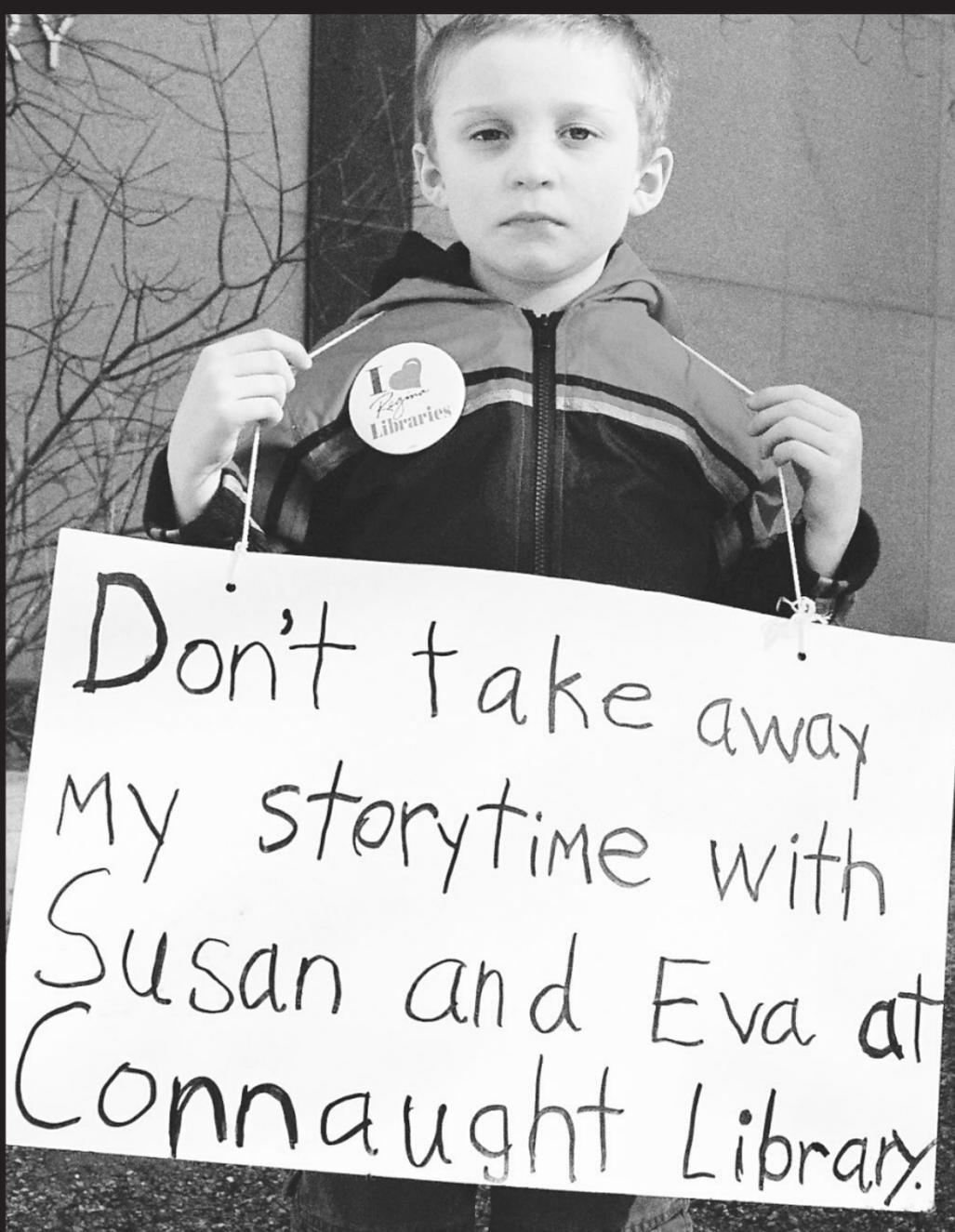


**26,048 citizens petition
the city to maintain
three inner-city libraries,
the Prairie History Room
and the Dunlop Art Gallery.**

**Mayor Fiacco and
five unelected library
board members vote to
shut them down.**



What's wrong with this picture?

For the last four months, thousands of Regina residents have participated in a city-wide campaign to persuade the library board and city council not to proceed with a plan to close three libraries, the Dunlop Art Gallery and the Prairie History Room on May 1.

Columnist Bob Hughes of the Leader-Post has described the campaign as "the most well-organized and polished" this city has ever seen.

How much more money is needed to save the library? Five dollars per household. That's right. **This entire campaign has been fought over the cost of an egg salad sandwich.**

This week Mayor Fiacco and five other library board members voted to pursue their plan to close the libraries, the art gallery and the Prairie History Room, rather than request any budget increase from council.

On April 5, City Council will discuss the library petition – which calls on council to maintain all existing library services – and on April 13, it will debate the library budget. Both meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Make sure you let the mayor and council know how you feel about the importance of library services – and democracy.



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