

Library's friends ask for support

PEOPLE are being encouraged to show their support for a library threatened with closure this weekend.

As part of National Libraries Day, on Saturday, the Friends of Cockerton library are organising a series of activities.

The group was formed recently following proposals by Darlington Borough Council to shut down the library as part of its measures to trim its budget by 20 per cent.

On Saturday, the group is asking members to register their support by visiting the library and taking out the maximum 15 books.

There will also be a competition for children to design a logo for the Friends group.

The activities will be taking place from 10.30am. People can also sign a petition to save the library from closure.

Joanna Flint, a member of the Friends of Cockerton Library, said: "We're expecting a lot of support.

"We have already had hundreds of signatures. There are a lot of disabled people in Cockerton who can't get into Darlington to get to the main library and this is the only one they can use."

For more details, visit the Friends website, where there is a link to the petition or people can download a paper version. Visit friendsofcockertonlibrary.btck.co.uk