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campaign
to save
Cockerton
library



Library fight targets 3,000 names

CAMPAIGNERS who took part in a day of action to protest about the closure of the library say they are delighted by the public response.

The Friends of Cockerton Library say they have collected nearly 2,500 signatures protesting against Darlington Borough Council's proposal to

close the facility. The group needed only 1,500 signatures to trigger a debate about the closure at the next meeting of the full council.

On Saturday, as part of National Libraries day, as well as collecting more signatures, the group also asked residents to withdraw the maximum number of 15 books to show

their support for the library.

Mike Crawley, from the Friends, said: "We've still got a bit to go before we hand in the petition, so we hope to get at least 3,000. It was an excellent day. At one point it was like a Harrods sale. The library is virtually denuded of books. It really shows what people power can do."