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# Libraries face more reductions

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SANTA CRUZ Despite record numbers of books being checked out, library doors may be locked more often as another chapter of budget cuts gets opens at the Santa Cruz Public Libraries city-county system.

Of the system's 10 libraries, seven face closure for another day each week under a proposal made by Anne Turner, director of libraries.

Turner's proposal to the library oversight committee, which comprises Santa Cruz city and county officials, was reviewed Monday night. The committee postponed deciding on the proposal until the next meeting in April, saying they need to explore other options.

The recommendation must be approved by the Santa Cruz City Council and the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and is subject to employee collective bargaining negotiations.

The proposal would shave \$172,000 from the \$3.8 million city-county library system's operating budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year by eliminating more than five full-time employee positions.

As an alternative, Turner said the oversight committee could consider closing half the county's libraries.

"We could just plain close branches. We have 10, and

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