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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I began reading and exploring the world through our libraries, as did my husband and children. Now we encourage the grandchildren to do so. As an educator I rewarded students a Hershy bar if they applied for a library card and showed me. They were awarded for reading their book to me as well. A rite of passage always is centered around applying for that public library card as well. Librarians are our best friends. Let's protect them and their jobs. Let's honor them and our libraries. They protect our culture and honor the patrons. They protect our languages as a human race. AI has its place, but not all the time and everywhere. People are important enough to protect and provide the future of libraries throughout the world.