

**DOCUMENT 8 – RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OPERATING HOURS OF
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TRANSCRIPTION

Whereas, the Chicago Public Library was established for the purpose of affording to all classes in our community, facilities for discipling and cultivating the mind,

And whereas the City Council of the City of Chicago, recognizing the importance of our young men and women being directed to literary pursuits, which may interest and benefit them, has, heretofore appropriated large sums of money in support and maintainance of said library

And whereas, the laboring classes are virtually prohibited from enjoying the privileges and benefits to be derived from said library, in consequence of a recent order promulgated by its board of directors, closing said library at the hour of 6. o'clock P.M.

Therefore Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Chicago, that the board of Directors of the Public Library

of Chicago be and they are here=
directed
by earnestly requested to take
immediate steps, to have said
Library kept open until the hour
of 9. o'clock P.M. of each day –
Sundays excepted.