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We live in the neighborhood and have been looking forward, for several years, to going to art classes at the Alliance. We can't do so until next Fall when we retire, and so we are terribly disappointed to read of plans to eliminate the school! Please please keep it! The breadth of classes offered at the Alliance, including -- in particular -- the art classes, is part of what makes it such a keystone institution in this neighborhood! Its influence goes well beyond its religious foundations, as a real community educational center, a major contributor to the continued cultural richness of the LES despite its current transition which we worry will produce only bland mindless "gentrification".