

Library Board desires no input from Town Council

Citizens of the Westfield-Washington Township library service area, please consider this commentary before the bond remonstrance ends December 6.

Library board member Mike Thomas recently published a comment that Westfield Town Council has refused to take a position concerning the library's move. Not mentioned was that Council president Andy Cook was directed by Council to ask library board president Bob Richardson a simple question – "Does the library board desire to have Town Council input into a location decision for a new library?" and Bob Richardson refused to answer. I attended the next library board meeting and again asked the question on behalf of Council; still no answer. To this day the question remains on the table awaiting a "yes" or "no" answer (see my library board meeting comments at the remonstrance web site <http://westfieldlibrary.info/articles.htm>). If the library board desires input from Council, as appears to be implied by Mike Thomas, all they have to do is ask.

Also troubling is library board president Bob Richardson's published opinion that it doesn't matter that our library tax would approximately double, because Governor Daniels property tax reform results in lower taxes overall (see "Property Taxes to Drop Regardless – <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007711240364>). It is beyond irresponsible for a steward of public funds to make this statement regarding a \$31M expenditure he is responsible for.

After careful consideration of all options I hope you'll join me in signing a blue petition in support of the remonstrance to stop the library board and this move.

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