

Westfield library location needs to be reconsidered

Westfield people, if you look at the proposed options, I think the new location for our library is not the best choice. My reasoning is:

1. The School Board wants to unload property at the expense of the Library Board. They could sell or trade the library land (at much better locations) in town or next to Shamrock Springs Elementary at Spring Mill and 161st. The land they are on is prime property that should have a large price to any buyer. There is no wetland, the existing structure is designed for expansion and was planned that way in 2005. Studies were done. The park land near the existing library is available and would complement nice reading areas after a book is checked out.

2. If you were fooled into signing the yellow petition, sign the blue one ASAP (The deadline to gather signatures for the remonstrance is Dec. 6).

3. A library near a current school makes a lot of sense. When school libraries close, the public one will be open. (There will be) no shuttle bus that can be cut from a fuel budget.

4. The trail near the current library connects to the proposed Midland and eventually Monon trails. And a new trailhead park is in the planning stage. This will be built in five to 10 years, and the library will be needed there. Give the new City Council members a chance to prove themselves. They have a plan for the library, city hall, etc. If everyone works together, great things will happen to Westfield.

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