

New library would create more taxes

After hearing so much about the controversy of where the new Westfield Library should go, I thought I might chime in.

First of all, at this time Washington Township has four fairly new elementary schools, one under construction and one more in the planning stages, one intermediate school, a middle school and a very nice high school (that we are about to outgrow), which all have libraries in them. We have a very nice, (but maybe smaller than some would like) library that seems well staffed. Then I read in the Noblesville Daily Times tonight there were six pages of homes that are either being foreclosed on, or being auctioned off because they can't pay their taxes, gasoline that will most likely hit \$4 per gallon and the stock market dropping 360 points, and warnings by the Federal Reserve Board of the danger of a recession ... I wonder if this is the time to saddle the homeowners of Washington Township with another \$31 million debt.

Everyone likes things newer, bigger and better, being able to get free movies, free Internet access, drop your kids off until they close, and even read the Noblesville Daily Times free. What a deal!

It would be interesting to know what percentages of property owners in Washington Township have library cards, and the frequency of their using them. If there is an overwhelming amount of people who are not being able to use the present library, maybe the hours could be extended to accommodate more patrons.

I do not buy into the thinking that the present building couldn't be expanded. Has anyone talked to the school board about adjacent land? If you remember, the school board in 1964 sold the library the present land for \$1.

Last but not least, if there is anyone who thinks that you can just keep piling on the taxes, I suggest you call someone from the Bart Peterson regime. Even though the library board is appointed and not elected, they are still accountable to taxpayers.

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