

Case Statement for Westfield Washington Public Library Renovation/Space Reallocation/Addition Project

In 2009 the Westfield Washington Public Library Board conducted a survey of Westfield residents. The results of over 1,000 survey respondents were incorporated into the Library's Long Range Plan. In order to meet the goals of this plan and to use some funds that remained from the other projects, the library board consulted with Quantum Architecture to see how these needs could be addressed. Over a 2 year planning period the library board looked at various options. The library board voted at the February 2012 Board meeting to proceed with the Renovation/Space Reallocation/Addition Project.

This project will renovate the library, redesign some of the space for better operating efficiency and will also include a dedicated computer lab, quiet study rooms, a community/library programming room, and a dedicated area for our teen patrons. The chart below shows that most of the libraries in the surrounding area provide these standard library services and amenities.

Location	Community Rooms		Teen Space			Computer Lab
	Quantity	Combined Capacity (Tables/Chairs Set-up)	Distinctively Defined Space	Dedicated Computers	Social Area	
Avon	3	60	No	No	Yes	No
Brownsburg	3	86	No	No	No	Yes
Fishers	3	82	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenfield	2	110	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenwood	2	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mooreville	2	50	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Noblesville	2	50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plainfield	4	110	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shelbyville	2	100	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Zionsville	2	70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

WWPL's service statistics show that our citizens value library services. In 2011 WWPL card holders circulated over 453,000 items compared to an average of 325,000 of libraries in Indiana comparable in population size. Of the over 32,000 residents of Washington Township, 19,870 are library cardholders and of those 19,870 card holders, almost 12,000 are 18 or older. WWPL had over 150,000 visitors to the library in 2011. 1200 programs were attended by over 23,131 people of all ages.

Our young adult/teen attendance and circulation have also steadily increased, due to the proximity of the intermediate school, middle school, and high school. The library is the perfect place for teens to gather to socialize and study. Currently we have a small space carved out in the middle of the reference and adult non-fiction collection to serve teen patrons. This remodel/addition project will allow those teens to have their own dedicated space. Of course this space can be used by all patrons but will be specifically designed to meet the needs of this age group.

We currently have computers housed all over the library - wherever outlets and table space can be found. The new plan calls for a dedicated space which will allow for classes to be conducted in a separate area of the library. The computer lab will be open for public access computing at all times. Additionally, the renovation will include adding more electrical outlets for those patrons who access our wireless network.

The library turns down a large number of requests from our patrons for community group meetings because we do not have available space. The programming/community room addition will allow the library to hold larger events instead of having to go to outside venues. It will also be available for outside community groups.

Finally, quiet study areas are requested daily by tutors, researchers, and other library patrons wanting a quiet space to study or read. This project will provide quiet study rooms for our patrons.

The proposed financing for this project will not change the current library tax rate until 2022 when the bonds for this project are retired. Specifically, the current library bonds will retire in 2016. The new bonds will be phased in as the old bonds are retired in 2016. The bonds for this renovation/addition project will retire in 2022. Currently the library's portion of the tax rate is \$0.0439/per \$100 of assessed value of the taxpayers property. This project will provide the community with better library services and a better facility. In 2012, the bond portion of the total library tax rate is \$0.0159/per \$100 of assessed value the highest the rate will increase during this bond is to \$0.0172. See next page for a summary of estimated tax impact.

WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 Year, 6 Month Bond

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT

(Based upon a \$2,000,000 Bond Issue)

Budget Year	Historical and Outstanding Debt (Unaudited)	Proposed General Obligation Bonds	Total Debt Service	Tax Levy	Estimated Net Assessed Value	Estimated Existing Debt Service Tax Rate	Estimated Proposed Debt Service Tax Rate	Estimated Combined Debt Service Tax Rate
	(1)	(2)		(3)				(4)
2009	\$371,245		\$371,245	\$291,556	\$1,996,961,818	(5)	\$0.0146 (6)	\$0.0146
2010	282,250		282,250	223,758	2,015,834,585	(7)	0.0111 (8)	0.0111
2011	282,250		282,250	338,323	1,966,992,308	(9)	0.0172 (10)	0.0172
2012	282,250	\$0	282,250	305,327	1,920,293,399	(11)	0.0159 (12)	\$0.0000
2013	282,250	64,795 (13)	347,045	329,693	1,920,293,399		0.0140	0.0032
2014	282,250	64,795	347,045	329,693	1,920,293,399		0.0140	0.0032
2015	231,625	104,605	336,230	319,419	1,920,293,399		0.0115	0.0052
2016	90,500	248,018	338,518	321,592	1,920,293,399		0.0045	0.0123
2017		338,255	338,255	321,342	1,920,293,399			0.0167
2018		340,695	340,695	323,660	1,920,293,399			0.0169
2019		336,705	336,705	319,870	1,920,293,399			0.0167
2020		341,650	341,650	324,568	1,920,293,399			0.0169
2021		340,320	340,320	323,304	1,920,293,399			0.0168
2022		288,505	288,505	274,080	1,920,293,399			0.0143

(1) See page 6.

(2) See page 3.

(3) Represents the 2008 pay 2009, 2009 pay 2010, 2010 pay 2011, and 2011 pay 2012 certified debt service tax levies. For 2013 and thereafter, assumes a financial institutions/license excise factor of 5%, with 95% payable from a property tax levy.

(4) Represents estimated debt service for outstanding and proposed debt. Per \$100 of Net Assessed Value.

(5) Represents the certified net assessed value for 2008 pay 2009.

(6) Represents the 2008 pay 2009 actual debt service tax rate.

(7) Represents the certified net assessed value for 2009 pay 2010.

(8) Represents the 2009 pay 2010 actual debt service tax rate.

(9) Represents the certified net assessed value for 2010 pay 2011.

(10) Represents the 2010 pay 2011 actual debt service tax rate.

(11) Represents the certified net assessed value for 2011 pay 2012.

(12) Represents the 2011 pay 2012 actual debt service tax rate.

(13) Note, this assumes interest is "capitalized" on January 15, 2013. The legal documents provide for a long first coupon wherein the first interest payment would be July 15, 2013, and payable from tax levies.

(Subject to the letter dated April 11 2012)

(Preliminary - Subject to Change)

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The library board has consistently kept the library tax rate at a minimum. In fact since 2002 the library tax rate has decreased from over 9 cents to our current 4.39 cents. See the chart below for the history of the library's tax rate and a comparison with the other Hamilton County libraries.

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012
Carmel	LIBRARY	0.07860	0.04370	0.04530	0.04570	0.04510	0.04950	0.04940	0.06570	0.06570	0.06820
Noblesville & Fishers	LIBRARY	0.06740	0.04140	0.04300	0.05650	0.06110	0.05720	0.04860	0.06150	0.06150	0.07560
Sheridan	LIBRARY	0.05120	0.03040	0.03220	0.03320	0.03520	0.11050	0.05770	0.10400	0.09910	0.10340
Cicero	LIBRARY	0.14100	0.06900	0.07170	0.07160	0.08400	0.07420	0.06060	0.07880	0.08060	0.07870
Westfield	LIBRARY	0.09800	0.05830	0.06010	0.05680	0.05020	0.04050	0.03400	0.03650	0.04360	0.04390