

## Vision Report

Following our November 13 workshop, a summary of our new concept will follow soon.

## Branch Library

I have authorized several more additional branch-related expenses: a new air unit system. One air unit was completely out upon purchase and the other soon went out. Given the age and wear on the units, I thought it best to go ahead and replace the units while we are designing the space. The space will also have a sprinkler system added. Given the anticipated large crowds the branch will likely have, this also seemed a reasonable step. Finally, we will discuss a proposal for owner's rep services at our meeting.

## Early Voting

The library was an early voting site for Hamilton County on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 24 (2 p.m.-7 p.m.)
- Oct. 25 (2 p.m.-7 p.m.)
- Oct. 26, 27 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Nov. 1, (2 p.m.-7 p.m.)
- Nov. 2, (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Nov. 3, (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Additionally, the library was a precinct voting site on Election Day. For early voting, we saw steady and long lines. Patrons, staff and voters alike were challenged to find a parking spot. Library staff rose to the challenge and rallied to help manage the long lines and do whatever could be done to ensure as pleasant a wait to vote as possible. Voters were patient and friendly as they waited. It was challenging but I'm proud of our staff's efforts; special above and beyond thank you to Lisa Dick for working long election line hours with a smile.

Looking ahead to 2020, I am contemplating what might be done to manage the long lines and help with additional parking.

## Lithuanian Collection

CYS Manager Elizabeth Essink and her team did a great job in forging a partnership with the Indianapolis Lithuanian Community. Our two organizations agreed to work together to start and provide a collection of materials in Lithuanian for the Lithuanian community and for those interested in Lithuanian culture here in Carmel. We launched our new Lithuanian collection on Saturday, November 3.

