

## Branch Library

As of this writing, I am preparing to meet with Dave Ford from CTI to discuss entering into an agreement for owner's rep. Design work is continuing at Rowland Design as we look to early next year to go into construction on the space.

Peter Konshak and Christy Walker participated in the Lighting of the Village event in the Village of WestClay on Saturday, November 24. I understand that they were well received and residents continue to express excitement at the pending new library space.

## Café Area

I have expressed our sincere thanks and appreciation for the years of food and beverage services provided by Monon Coffee & Sweets for the past six years at the Carmel Clay Public Library. As the library prepares to make many changes over the coming years, the determination has been made to pursue a new opportunity. The forthcoming new cafe space in the Carmel Clay Public Library will be an additional location of Soho Cafe & Gallery.

Soho Cafe & Gallery has a built in audience and set of programs that they will bring to the space. They will be reviewing new operational hours and a fresh new menu for the library space. In addition to that, the owner Vivian Lawhead is a lifetime Carmel resident and library user as well as retired teacher and media specialist from Carmel Clay Schools. Not only does she sell great products, she understands and supports the importance of the library in our community.

The library also believes that as we prepare to renovate our space, including our cafe space, that Soho Cafe will be an ideal partner to explore how this element of the library can be enhanced as part of a larger renovation. We are excited to introduce this new partnership to the community in 2019.

## Professional Development Day

We had a successful Professional Development Day on Friday, December 7. The staff gave high marks to our keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Albrecht. Culture lighting was also on hand to take advantage of the opportunity to change lighting in some challenging areas.



### **New Logo for Teen Library Council**

Our in-house graphic designer Sam Wilson worked with a focus group of the Teen Library Council to discuss branding concepts. From Christy Walker: *The group offered a perspective on the TLC's mission and "vibe." They responded to image, color, and font examples that Sam provided. Sam took their input and developed a fun new logo with eye-catching colors and varied fonts. The book/speech bubble imagery reflects the group's purpose to be a council of teens "who meet to discuss books, movies, and music and to give input on library issues related to teens."*



Here are some other activities our Teen Library Council have been involved with, according to our Young Adult Service Manager Jamie Beckman:

*East Meets East Concert -A musical ensemble featuring local teen musicians including a TLC member who proposed the idea of a free concert at the library. East Meets East showcases the beauty of the music from both the Middle East and Eastern Asia. At their concert they performed pieces from across the world with traditional instruments.*

*Science Works: Investigating the Human Body: A TLC member created this club at Carmel High School and proposed a free workshop for middle school and high school students. It was a hands-on overview of human anatomy in an easily digestible and engaging format.*

*A Refugee's Perspective Program: This program was hosted by Carmel High School Amnesty International, a club which includes several TLC members. These members proposed, designed, and hosted this event at the library. At the workshop participants were encouraged to put themselves in the shoes of a migrant seeking refuge from persecution.*

*The Teen Library council is currently hard at work planning their Yule Ball on January 26. At this event over 200 local middle school and high school students will bet a chance to enjoy Harry Potter themed food, music, and dancing.*

### **Children and Youth Services**

Please see an accompanying letter from Prairie Trace Elementary Specialist Denise Dragash praising Elizabeth Essink and our Youth Services staff. This is a good illustration of one of the many ways our library partners with Carmel Schools.

I have also included a year-end Questers Lab report in this packet.