

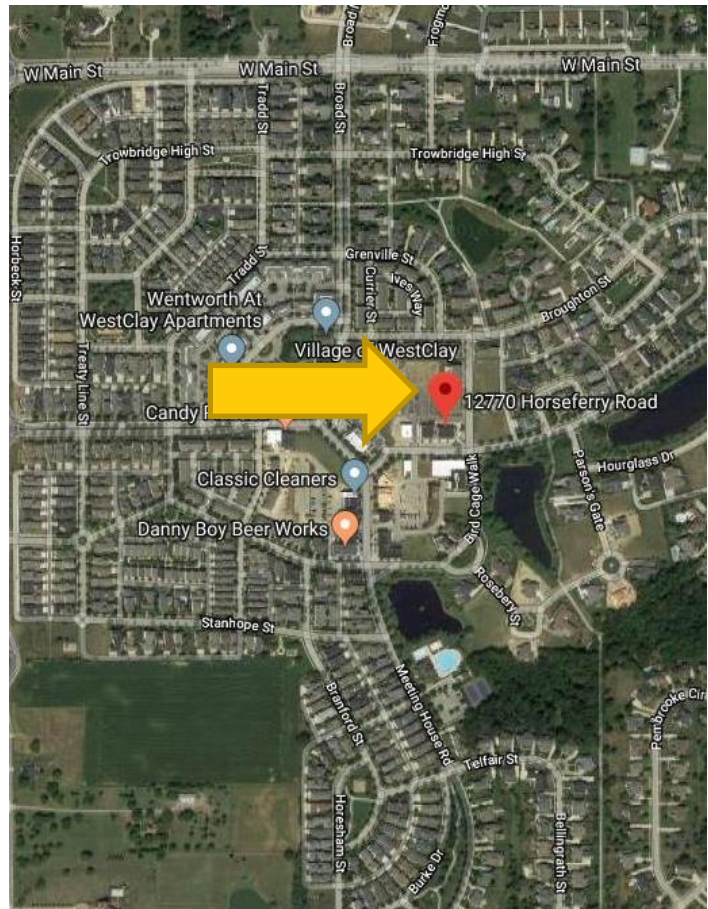
**Vision Report**

Our public forum on Thursday, April 19 was an overall success. We had 76 people in attendance including staff. Staff and members of the public filled out feedback forms. The forms indicated a generally high level of support for the vision presented. The full report is included in this board packet. Our Vision committee has met since the forum and we have laid out an approximate timeline of next steps to take. An immediate next step will be to find a local Indiana architectural firm to partner with MSR in designing the vision and subsequent first project to emerge from the vision.

**Branch Library**

We began the process of closing on our purchase of the property of 17111 Horseferry Rd on May 15. Prior to closing, we received the following reports on the property:

- Appraisal by J. M. Compton, Inc.: the estimated market value, as of 19 April 2018 is Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000).



- Property Condition Assessment by EFI Global, Inc. From the executive summary: "Based on EFI's observation of the Property and improvements, the Property appears to be in overall good condition." Immediate costs were estimated to be \$2,000 for landscape improvements and an HVAC inspection. Capital needs in the long term were estimated to be \$25,000 for items such as: exterior façade maintenance, roof replacement, and domestic hot water heater replacement. The Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of the property is estimated to be not less than 45 years barring any natural disasters.

- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment by EFI Global, Inc. Generally speaking this report did not uncover any major concerns associated with the property. "Hazardous materials were not identified on the Subject Property. EFI did not identify evidence of significant spills, leaks, or improper storage or disposal of any materials. No waste generated at the Subject Property was identified. A solid waste disposal bin container was not present at the Subject Property. There were no concerns identified with regard to the waste management and disposal."

Our Branch Team met on May 16 and began the work of further defining the scope of the future branch and working through issues of staffing and functionality. Immediate next steps upon ownership will include clearing the space of the unneeded equipment and finding an interior designer to work with on conceptualizing and renovating the space.

## Summer Challenge Update



We're preparing to launch Summer Challenge on May 31, this year with a series of new approaches:

- New Platform: we will be using the Beanstack Platform to support Summer Challenge this year. Our staff members are very excited to bring this component to our library. We are still working on training for the new platform, and some things about how we track summer challenge activities will change. Our neighboring libraries of Zionsville and Hamilton County East use Beanstack and report high satisfaction with it. See the Beanstack web site here: <https://www.beanstack.com/>
- Prize Desk: this is something very different for this year's summer challenge: a centralized prize desk, located in the front lobby near the CYS department. All departments throughout the library will work the Prize Desk. Summer Challenge is a library-wide, all-ages event and this is the perfect project for the library staff as a whole to come together and work as a team. Non-



service desk departments such as Administration and Technical Services will also have an opportunity to more directly participate in summer challenge activities and work with patrons at this desk.

## Great American Read

This is a standout initiative that is worth some extra attention. The Great American Read is a PBS multi-month eight part series running May through October that "explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey.) It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience."\*



The public is being asked to vote on their personal best-loved book from this list. In conjunction with the Great American Read, the library will have a block party/book festival on Saturday, August 11 from 1-5. This ties in with the 2nd Saturday Gallery.

In addition, a wide range of events have been planned for the initiative as a whole. Local PBS stations are to be involved in the promotion and Christine has reached out to the community engagement director at WFYI and Jill Ditmire. They will be helping the library to promote our events and have asked us to encourage people to vote and

take selfies with their best-loved books or do brief video recordings that they can use for promotion.

The Great American Read kicks off with a 2-hour PBS episode on May 22nd. We are planning to set up a "voting site" in the library and have a mobile site we can take to various events - gazebo concerts, etc. In addition to voting for the Great American Read, we are making plans to ask patrons to vote for a book on the list they haven't read that they would like to read for Carmel Clay Reads in the fall. Again, our staff has mapped out an incredible range of programs supporting this series. I think our patrons are going to greatly enjoy the many options to participate. Our web site will soon have all the details required to keep up.

\*Learn more about the Great American Read at the following site: <http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home>