

Carmel Clay Public Library Joyce Winner West Branch

The news of the branch's opened date officially launched with an article in Current in Carmel that released on November 22. Our first day of branch operations begins on Monday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. We will have a ribbon cutting at that time and invitations will be sent to city leadership. While I had originally hoped to open earlier, our timeline was complicated by the holiday schedule. However, we are scheduling some tours and sneak previews in December, so the momentum is truly building.

As of this date, most major work is complete: interior painting is complete, carpet is installed, bathroom fixtures are installed, ceiling fans in the Reading Room is installed, cabinet work is complete, and the staff desk is installed. In addition, the book sorter system is installed, the data network is online, the door keycard system is installed, and phone service is connected. Still remaining are some additional landscaping touches, exterior painting, and exterior concrete work.



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Monday, January 6

Library Improvement Project:

On Monday, November 18, the Carmel City Council unanimously passed a resolution approving the issuance of bonds by the Carmel Clay Public Library for the purpose of renovating and expanding the library facility. My thanks to the Carmel Council for their strong and continued support for our library. We have emphasized to city leadership and to the community that our plan is tax neutral. New bonds will not result in an increase to the library's tax levy due to existing debt rolling off simultaneously.

Marc Griffith, our owner's rep project manager from The Veridus Group will join us for our meeting. Marc and his team are busy exploring potential alternate temporary locations for the library.

Rebranding and Strategic Planning:

I am currently reviewing a rough draft of our new strategic plan. My thanks to Phil Anderson for leading us through this process. If not by Monday, I will share a copy with the board soon, hopefully well ahead of the December meeting.

On rebranding, I'm excited to announce that the library is getting a new logo. The new logo will inform the visual style of our forthcoming new web site, and all else to follow. We will share a preview of the new logo at our Monday meeting.