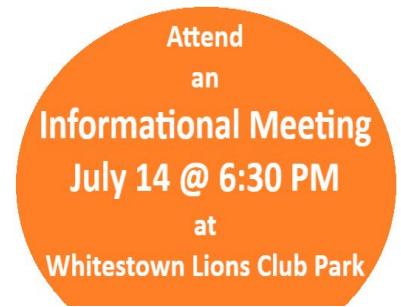




Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library
The better choice for a growing community



Ensuring continuity of service

Worth Township is considering adding a library branch with services provided by either Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (HMMPL) or the Lebanon Public Library. We at HMMPL are excited about this opportunity and believe we are the best choice.

Our proposal adds service to both Worth and Perry Townships. Why? Because one of our defining goals is to remove barriers to library service and to position the library as a role model of growth and inclusion in our community. Extending services to the previously unserved townships of both Worth and Perry will allow us to connect more people to services than ever before.

Providing more for less

HMMPL offered more than 1,180 programs last year and circulated more than 500,000 items. What's more, we believe that we can offer more services to Worth and Perry Residents at a lower cost.

Lebanon Public Library has proposed building a 15,000 SF building with an annual operating cost of \$295,000. If HMMPL were to put in a building of the same size with the same operating costs, the tax rate would be approximately half as much.

	Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (Worth and Perry Proposal)	Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library (Worth Only)	Lebanon Public Library
\$295,000 General Fund	\$0.0376	\$0.0395	\$0.0606
Debt Service for a 15,000 SF Building	\$0.0159	\$0.0159	\$0.0451
Estimated Total Tax Rate	\$0.0535	\$0.0554	\$0.1057

HMMPL is determined to develop a branch that meets the needs of the growing community in Worth Township. As we move forward we want to provide options for a larger building with a more robust operating cost to ensure that this branch will be able to provide a full range of services during the hours that residents need. We are proposing two options for a larger building with more capacity to provide services and materials. These options are both possible at a lower tax rate than the 15,000 SF branch proposed by the Lebanon Library.

	15,000 SF Branch, \$295,000 Annual Operating Cost	20,000 SF Branch, \$550,000 Annual Operating Cost	30,000 SF Branch, \$820,000 Annual Operating Cost
TOTAL Tax rate HMMPL (Worth and Perry Proposal)	\$0.0535	\$0.0602	\$0.0661
TOTAL Tax Rate HMMPL (Worth Only)	\$0.0554	\$0.0624	\$0.0686

How does a library branch affect residential taxes?

While some local property owners may see little to no tax increase due to property tax caps, the cost to provide services is still very important. If property tax caps have been met, residential tax pool dollars will be shifted from other community services to cover proposed library expansion costs. That's why getting the most for your dollar is extremely important. The lower the cost, the lower the budget impact.

Working together WITH residents

For us, communication is key. We are committed to working with residents and stakeholders to develop a library that best meets their needs. We intend to survey residents, hold community conversations, and have one-on-one conversations to design a library and services for everyone. We are committed to taking the time we need to do this right.

Already the preferred option

Currently, residents of Worth and Perry Townships are not in a public library service district and must pay a fee to use a library, as directed by state statute. Residents of Worth Township are eligible to have one HMMPL card per household paid for by the Worth Township Trustee. This rate is determined using a formula established by the state, with a discount applied once a contractual agreement is signed by the Trustee each year.

When you look at the numbers, HMMPL has been the library selected by Worth Township residents at a rate of approximately **3 to 1**. In 2019, HMMPL issued 261 cards to Worth Township residents and the Lebanon Library issued approximately 80.

Our Commitment

A Library branch is a commitment that can impact generations of residents. If our proposal is approved, we pledge to put a branch in Worth Township that will support the needs and ambitions of the community for years to come. We will work intentionally and ensure that your voice is heard and that we take the steps necessary to build a branch that will reflect the community, and inspire and connect its users.

Be Heard!

The decision about adding a branch library to Worth Township will be made soon. Attend an upcoming meeting and make sure your opinion is represented. If you are unable to attend, email the Worth Township Trustee, Jim Baldwin, and let him know how you feel: trustee@worthtownship.org.

Make your opinion known!

The Worth Township Advisory Council will be meeting in July to decide how to move forward with adding library services. Join the conversation!

Hear our full proposal!
Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.
Whitestown Lions Park
107 N. Main Street, Whitestown

Meeting with possible vote:
Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.
Whitestown Lions Park
107 N. Main Street, Whitestown