

On behalf of the library board, I would like to make a public statement concerning our building project.

It has been over four years since we began the process of planning for a new library in downtown Kokomo. From the beginning, we have been increasingly frustrated and thwarted in our efforts by various outside issues and political tensions which have kept us from reaching our goals.

We hope with the two measures we have taken tonight that we can begin to create some new perspective and possibilities for future library services. It is believed that a complete system's study will more adequately update our needs after a four-year delay. And there is also the hope that perhaps a third party developer can bring about that which we as a board were unable to do.

We have appreciated the public's patience and continue to pledge our best effort in bringing quality library services to Howard County.