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Dear Library Supporter,

Just beyond I-65, nestled among the gently rolling hills and homes between State Road 26 and McCarty Lane, is a parcel of land now owned by your Tippecanoe County Public Library (TCPL). Thanks to this gift of land by Timberstone Homes a new branch library will be constructed in 2015. For now, let’s call this building the “East Branch.”

For thousands of youth, this branch within “spitting distance” of Wyandotte Elementary School will be their entry into a world of wonder. Traditional books and print materials, increasing options for downloadables, online educational resources, audiovisual materials, and original library programs will expand youthful horizons, taking them beyond traditional school lessons.

Youth staff will help parents of newborns, toddlers, and preschoolers with early language development, pre-reading activities, and information.

Trained reference staff will assist senior citizens and adults with aging parents to find the latest, most reliable information about geriatric issues, home healthcare innovations, and assisted living centers.

In addition to serving several schools, the modest 14,000-square-foot building will be a convenient resource for a growing number of area businesses. Established businesses and budding entrepreneurs will soon have access to everything from local to worldwide information, and also to profit-generating information and resources. A branch meeting room will provide a comfortable meeting space for neighborhood nonprofit organizations of diverse interests.

The community is rallying around the idea with amazing generosity. Gifts from the Library Foundation, the

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I am enclosing my gift of:
☐$500 ☐$100 ☐$75 ☐$50 ☐Other $___________

Payment Information:
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On Visa and MasterCard, you will find the card ID as the last three (3) numbers on the back of your card.

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Friends of TCPL, the estates of Anna M. Akeley and Bob Mertz will help build the East Branch.

**Important:** your Tippecanoe County Public Library Board is determined to finance this facility with no increase in property taxes. A $2 million bond will provide the majority of financing for construction costs.

As always, resourcefulness and frugality will be our watchwords. To control costs, the building plans will be an updated version of the cozy Klondike Branch plans. Some existing TCPL furnishings and equipment may be refurbished and repurposed.

In 1882, a private book collection and a donation by James J. Perrin gave birth to our current library system. A passion for reading and self-improvement over several generations have continued to “grow the business.”

As customer needs have changed, generous corporate and individual gifts continue to help provide the expanded services that now make TCPL one of the best library systems in Indiana. Thank you for your wisdom and vision!

There are many ways to show support for this new branch. Please indicate your commitment on the response card below. Meanwhile, see you at the library!

Now, where did we store those “golden” shovels?

Yours sincerely,

Mary Piantek, President
Tippecanoe County Public Library Foundation

Jos N. Holman, County Librarian
Tippecanoe County Public Library

P.S. Your tax-deductible gift will help us complete construction and fully furnish the neighborhood branch.

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Invest in our community’s future by building the Library Foundation’s investment at The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.

Grants to the library from the interest on these investments will fund innovative library programs in the future.

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