



County of Libraries

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people.
It is a never-failing spring in a desert.” - Andrew Carnegie

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Ensuring All K-County Residents Have a Public Library

Library Deserts

Why Libraries Matter

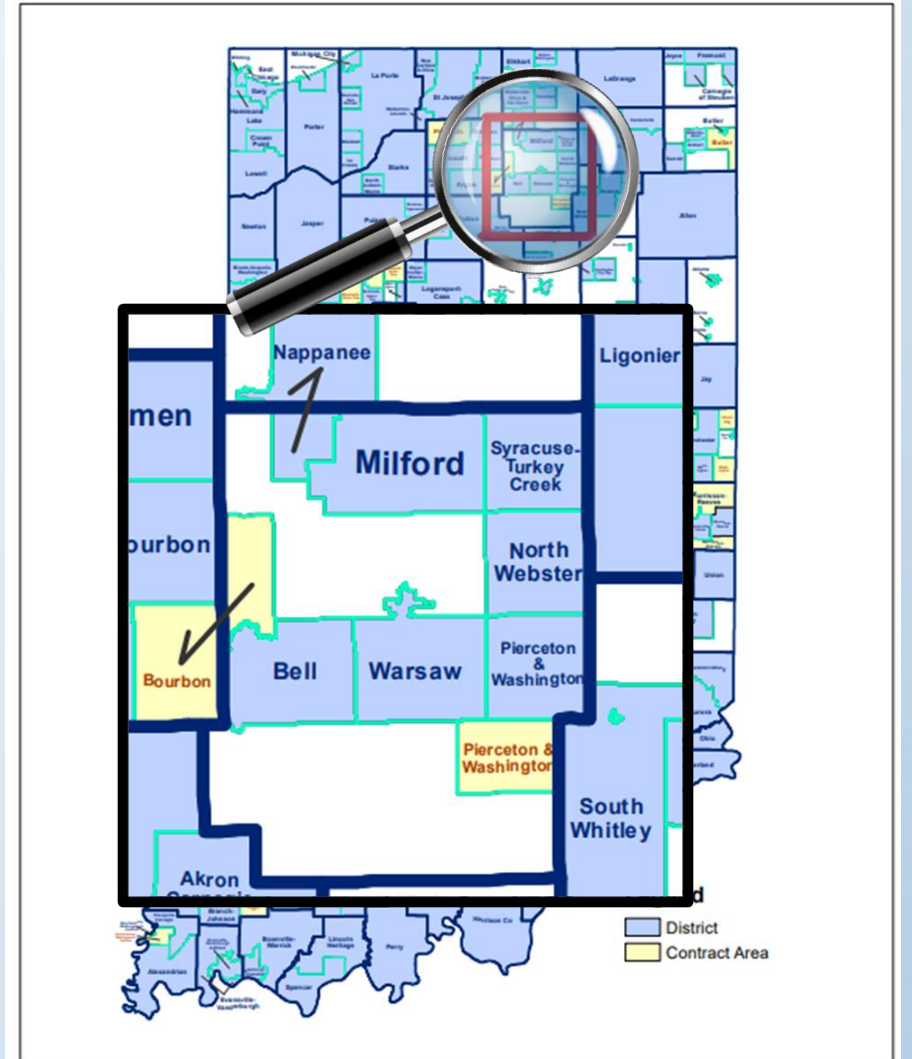
Three Paths Moving Forward

Library Deserts

- White areas = no designated library
 - These areas consist of townships that don't have library services
- 17,000 or 21.3% people
- How can we fix this?

**Important Note – anyone can join a library, but they may be subject to out of district fees

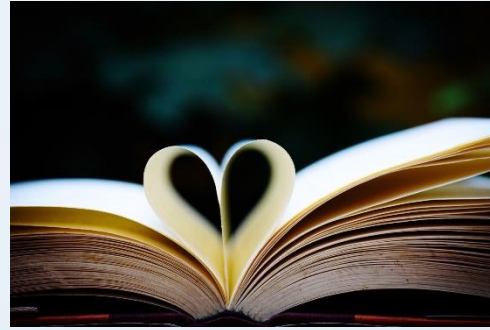
Library Districts and Areas Under Contract, 2020



Creator: Indiana State Data Center
Data Source: Indiana State Library, November 2021

Libraries Matter

- Advancing Intellectual Discourse
 - Economic benefits
- Modern Library
 - Cd's, DVD's, computer lab, children's toys, etc..
- Libraries of Things – LoT
 - Baking pans, sewing machines, guitars, telescopes, shuffle boards, etc..
- Digital Library Resources



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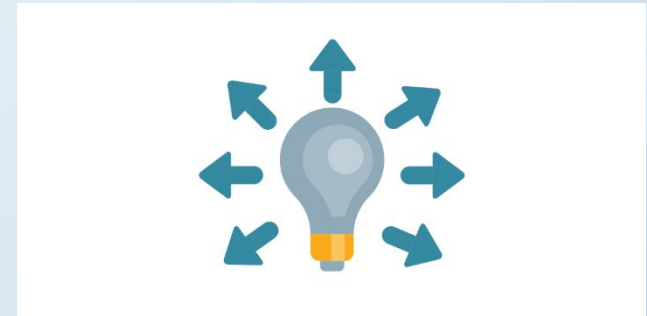
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Three Pathways Forward

County-Based System (Merger)



Expansion



Contracting



County-Based System - Merger ↗

- County wide library district
- Quick & effective solution
- Large amount of coordination
- Planning Committee
- Resolution



Expansion ↗↘

- Simply expanding the district lines of the library
- Meeting with Township Trustee and Township Legislative body
 - None agreeable could result in petition
- Expanding into more than one Township would result in approval from the county



Potential User Base



Contracting

- Teaming up with an existing public library
- Good, but short-term solution
- Contract will outline allocated library resources
 - May not have access to full library items/activities



Recommendation

County-Based System

- Permanent solution
- Financial Resources
- Management
- Dynamic Layout
- Offers diversity



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Questions?

- Library Deserts
 - 21% of the county is without a designated library
- Why?
 - Libraries offer much more than books
 - Modern Technology
 - Household Items
 - Games
- The Solution
 - County-based Library System