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### **Land for New Library Purchased**

The Lake Villa District Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that property for the new library has been purchased.

After evaluating multiple sites over the past ten months, the board unanimously approved the property at 38110 N. Munn Road on the southeast side of Crooked Lake. The site is centrally located within the library district, has a traffic signal and offers the most flexibility. The entire parcel encompasses 29 acres (including wetlands and lake-front property) and offers 12 buildable acres.

**“This is a very exciting time” said LVDL Board President Tony Gundrum. “The new library will be twice the size yet will be built and operated without a tax increase.”**

The current library, at 30,000 square feet, is at a space deficit to effectively serve the population and is inadequate to accommodate future growth. “Parking and storm water management were among the main factors we considered during site evaluations,” said Gundrum. “By purchasing the Munn Road property we are ensuring that we can serve the needs of the community for years to come.”

Acquiring the land is the final piece of the first phase of the building program. The Board hired library space planner George Lawson to complete a needs assessment in spring of 2014 and shortly thereafter hired StudioGC Architecture. “StudioGC provided a feasibility study based on the needs assessment and helped guide the Board through building and site evaluations” said Gundrum. “Now that we have the property, we can move forward with design and construction.”

LVDL will be holding public meetings and focus groups in the near future to gather community input regarding the new library. Details will be available soon at [www.lvdl.org](http://www.lvdl.org)

Lake Villa District Library enriches life in our community by connecting people with resources, services and each other.

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