

C'fld, county to discuss library future

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Chesterfield Township's plans for a library will be the focus of a meeting between township and Macomb County Library officials.

Clerk Barb Krantz said the library board was to meet today, June 5, to discuss ideas with Carol Goodwin, director of Macomb County Library.

Longtime librarian Ceola Trinity runs Trinity Library for the township but plans to retire and sell her property this summer, leaving Chesterfield without a library.

Goodwin said the county has a contract with the township to provide clerical help, but it's the township's responsibility to provide facilities for the library.

"I have not been in contact with the township yet, so I have no idea what they're planning," Goodwin said.

One option might be for Chesterfield to buy Trinity Library. It currently leases space from Trinity. Otherwise, the township would have to provide a new home — if one at all.

Long-term plans for the township office complex call for the construction of a library, but those are far from becoming a reality.

Another problem is the mix of materials within Trinity Library. Some books belong to the county, others are owned by the township and some belong to Trinity.

Some materials owned by Trinity contain historical data about Chesterfield. The township board has suggested buying the books owned by Trinity, but if the books aren't bought, some history about the area could be lost, officials said.