CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOOKWORMS may soon be traveling to a new location to check out the great American novel.

With a road sign outside the Trinity Public Library off Sugarbush Road, township officials are scrambling to make a decision on a library location. The board has given Supervisor Jim Pollard the authority to appoint a three-member committee to study all options available.

"I don't think anything about running a library, so I think we need a library committee," suggested Pollard at a recent board meeting.

Ceda Trinity, the long-time librarian, has retired and is selling her home and the building that has housed the library since she and her first husband, the late Bernard Trinity, founded it.

Pollard told officials that he had already looked at two locations that ranged in size from 1,100 to 1,500 square feet. The third location, which could be anywhere for $700 to $900 per month, he added.

"What we are really asking is what are we looking for?" asked Trustee Ray Novak.

That depends on what you want. I'm thinking 1,100, 1,200, 1,300 to 2,000 square feet," answered Pollard.

Rodger Kight, a planning commission member and a real estate agent, said the Trinity property, suggested the board seriously consider purchasing the current library.

"The library is there now and only using half of the building," said Kight. "It's 1,900 square feet and is only using 1,000 of that for the rest is a museum."

The asking price is $199,000 and includes 2.8 acres, 500 feet of frontage on Sugarbush and 300 on Cotton, an 1,800 square foot house plus several other buildings and structures, said Kight.

A parcel on Callen and 23 Mile Road that was donated for use as a library or fire hall was suggested as a new location by Novak.

Funding for a library could be addressed in several different ways, according to township attorney Gary Anthony. Dollars from the general fund could be set aside for a lease payment or a separate millage could be sought to finance it.

Carol Goodwin, director of Macomb County Library, pointed out that any state funds allocated for a building would come with specific guidelines. The library would have to be open a certain number hours based on population, the librarian would have to have a certain amount of education, she said.

Officials agreed to appoint a committee and let it review all options and bring a recommendation to the board.