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"We have to remain on a main thoroughfare for people to find us," said Stine, adding that the library can move into its own place once it gets better established and "the location doesn't remain so paramount."

Although she lives in New Baltimore, Terri Costea uses both of the local libraries. Among other advantages, she said, Chesterfield has a good selection of books for her children, Charlie, five, and Christina, three.

"I'm looking forward to it expanding," she said. "It's going to be great — a lot of space, fresh paint, probably look more like a library should look. I think it's actually an ideal spot. But at this point in time, it doesn't look like a library should look."

Having grown by an additional 900 patrons in the last ten months and planning to buy 4,000 more books this year, the library has no choice but to search for more room. The new location gives the board an option of expanding by another 2,000 square feet, if necessary.

Being self-supportive will allow the library to buy new computers that will tie Chesterfield into the Library Cooperative of Macomb, an on-line service that can locate any book at most county libraries. Additional staff and expanded hours (from 44 to 52 a week) are also likely under the expansion, Stine said.

Changes are also in store among the library's officers. Stine is stepping into a lesser role as a co-librarian along with employee Lanette Strickland. Last week, the library board was scheduled to name a full-time director, a position that will require roughly 22 hours a week and pay $34,000 to $37,000 annually.

In November of 1996, voters will elect six library board members to four-year terms.