

Increasing the Value of Library Land

The Boone County Library recently received a gift of property, the proceeds of which are to be used for the purchase of books only. One piece is about five acres, located between and bordering Hester Drive and US 65N, just south of the Wal-Mart traffic light. It is easy to spot in that it has just been cleared of brush and the brush is piled for disposal. The clearing will increase its value and curb appeal.

Increasing value is one of FOL's specialties. We do this with donated books all the time. But this time we are trying our hand at land and timber. A team of FOL volunteers convened onsite and cleared the piece of property, with a bulldozer loaned by Potter Equipment (owned by Jim Richiert), with fuel provided by Jim Brassell, and with a tractor with front-end loader loaned by George Cline. Chainsaw operators and grunt squad included Chuck Speice, Barry Posterick, Mike Murphy, Bob Dickson, George Cline, Chris Posterick, and Frank Hampson. Bob Dickson operated the bulldozer. Other contributors were Charles McCutcheon and Bill Olsen. Although most of the vegetation was considered brush and will be burned, there was a quantity of cedar trees that have economic value. These trees were trimmed and stacked and will be cut to 52" lengths for sale. The eventual destination of this cedar will be closet linings.

More needs to be done. The brush will be burned with consultation and help from the City of Harrison Fire Department. The cedar needs to be processed for sale. If you want to be involved, contact any board member listed on page 2. More information will appear in future issues of this newsletter.

Photographs courtesy of
Carolyn Cline.

**Bob Dickson
on the
bulldozer.**



**Bob Dickson on the
bulldozer and
Chuck Speice
behind him.**