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April Fools Edition





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BOOK Brigade& Tips For Moving Your Home Library

We are fully in the process of moving items, staff, and other stuff from Lincoln Park Library to the new LINC Library Innovation Center!

If you're a book lover, which, let's face it, you would almost have to be to subscribe to a library newsletter, you've probably gone through the pain of moving more than your share of book boxes in your lifetime. Sometimes the very literal pain, which tends to set in about a day or two after moving those heavy books. You wake up, stare at the ceiling, and realize that moving all those boxes yourself was a terrible, terrible mistake...

Yes, sure, books are AWESOME when they're on the shelf, they look so gorgeous and smart.

But, oof, moving them is an ordeal. We've got experience, so we thought we'd share some book moving tips with you all, just in case you and your home library are headed for a move this summer.

1. Pare Down

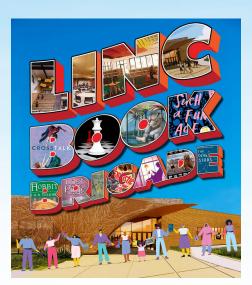
You've certainly heard of *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, but what about The Lower Back Injury Reducing Magic of Not Having So Much Stuff? You don't have to decimate your home library, just get rid of some stuff that you're never going to read anyway. How many times are you going to move that Norton Anthology of English Literature you've been saving since COLLEGE? You know, the one you're TOTALLY going to get around to reading one of

these days, when things chill out?

Things are not going to chill out. They never chill out.

2. Comingle

When you pack, instead of filling boxes with books, put a handful of books in one box, then a handful in another. If you fill boxes with books, they get heavy FAST. If you throw some books in a bunch of different boxes, you'll lighten the load a bit.



3. Have a Book Brigade

Trick a bunch of people into coming and moving your books for you!

Wait, did we say "trick?" We meant "Cordially invite."

But seriously, we're inviting the

community to a Book Brigade event for LINC on April 15th at 2:00 p.m., where we'll be symbolically filling the last shelf at the new LINC Library Innovation Center, passing books from Lincoln Park Library's old location (where the Double Tree sits now) to the last remaining shelves at LINC (501 8th Avenue in Greeley).

The "symbolically" part of that is really important. We'll just be passing a small number of books down the line. No forklift certification necessary. You probably don't need to consult your physician before attending. But you do you.

4. Get Really Strong

Well, if you don't want to sacrifice any books, and you want to get through your move without hating life, maybe the answer is getting SUPER strong. We have books that can help with that...but then you just end up with more books about getting strong, so you get stronger, but your book collection gets heavier...this is a conundrum.

5. Use Your Library

If you use your library, you can just borrow all the books, and then WE have to move them. It's never your problem!

And that library card is pretty light, lighter than even the lightest of novellas

It's really the way to go. Surprised you didn't see that one coming.



Both Erie Community Library and Carbon Valley Regional Library are celebrating 15th anniversaries this year!

And, of course, this calls for a gift. The traditional 15th anniversary gift is crystal. After pricing a few crystal chandeliers in some furniture showrooms, discussions that ended with our staff member saying, "Whoa, look over there!" pointing to something behind the salesperson's head, and making a break for it, we quickly realized that crystal chandeliers are EXPENSIVE.

Besides, both Erie and Carbon Valley have awesome natural light. Why ruin it with the gaudiness of a timeless, priceless heirloom chandelier?

So then we took a look at the modern 15th anniversary gift: timepieces.

Hmm, okay, that seems like something we can handle!

We wanted something unique. Here are some of the candidates:



Wolf Clock: Um, cool, but also, just me, or is there A LOT going on here? It's a vinyl record, there are wolves howling, a forest, mountains, and that's before we get into the fact that this is a clock.

Time Flies: a funny joke, once, but it



feels like if someone were to get you this as a 15th anniversary gift, you'd break up with that person, right? "We've been together 15 years, and you got me a clock with a bunch of flies on it?" Not a strong relationship move.

Skull Clock: If there's one thing libraries could stand, it'd be a more metal vibe. Skulls, crunchy guitars.







I don't think there are many "metal" libraries out there, and while I welcome the aesthetic, it doesn't fit our current buildings. Perhaps when it's 20-year time, and a remodel is on the table, we can price out some heavy drapes and black paint.

Tax Prep Clock: PSA: Library staff are not professional tax preparers, most of us aren't even amateur tax preparers, BUT we have <u>lots of tax</u> <u>help programs</u> staffed by people who ARE!

Ah, but then, we nailed it: A custom clock!

A one-of-a-kind timepiece for each branch, decorated by you! What better way to commemorate a great 15 years!?

You, yeah YOU, have until the end of April to submit a doodle, a little bit of text, anything you'd like for the 15th anniversary clock!

For Erie's clock, **head to this link**.

For Carbon Valley's clock, <u>head to</u> this link.

At those links, you can type in some text, upload a file, or even do a really simple doodle. Just keep it brief, and if it's a drawing, remember, it'll be shrunk down to the size of a 50-cent piece, so keep it simple!

In the meantime, if you stop in at Erie or Carbon Valley, make sure to wish them a happy birthday!





Kazoo Choir

It's that time again.

No, not summer reading time, time to start thinking about how pretty soon it'll be time to starting thinking about summer reading.

Yeah, that's a little complicated. Welcome to the world of putting on summer reading adventures!

We want you all pumped this year, starting now, cresting in June, finding a second burst of enthusiasm and energy in July, finishing the program in late July, collecting all your prizes, being a little sad it's over through the first week in August, and then we can start the cycle anew.

So we don't want to get TOO deep into summer reading just yet, but how about a teeny, tiny sneak preview? 2 words: Kazoo Choir.

Yep, that's on offer this summer. We'll have more details for you this time next month, but for now: Kazoo Choir. CHECK OUT OUR NEW WORTHLESS LIBRARY!



NEW Library!

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Return of VHS



Taylor Swift Tix

And More Inside!

A Note from the Editor

Okay, we made a minor error:

In negotiations with a fellow library district, we may have promised them that we'd take a look and assist them with their newsletter.

Unbeknownst to us, the file they sent over was a tricky piece of software, which caused their newsletter to attach

itself to ours like a barnacle on the side of a ship. It's unremovable, and so we have no choice but to run it here, at the end of our regular newsletter.

Which is the highly suspicious explanation for this presentation of the Low Hills Library District newsletter for April 2023.



A Message from Executive Director

Gregory Txmplitcrock

Greetings,

It's been another great year at Low Hills Library District.

Of course, by "great" I mean "great for me" and HORRIBLE for you.

When I first crossed over to this dimension from my own, I thought this was a very boring place, and I yearned for the day that someone would figure out my secret, that if I said my name backwards, I'd be sent back to my own dimension. I practically BEGGED every superhero I came across to do it.

The superheroes you have around here...not the brightest.

But then I came to a realization: If I was to be trapped here, I needed to make MY OWN fun.

So, I took over the Low Hills Library District, and I've never looked back.

Under my watch, we've reduced checkouts almost to zero. ALMOST. Those Wimpy Kid books simply cannot be contained, no matter what I try, no matter how sticky and disgusting I make the covers, it seems readers cannot resist the further adventures of the youth Gregory and his fellow stick figure humans.

We've also condensed all of our libraries into one location. All the libraries are still in operation, but we've stacked them vertically. This makes it a lot easier to watch over my domain from my office. I hear the staff on the top building are still working out a pulley system to try and mount an escape. The fools...

And, perhaps best of all, we've pioneered the stationary bookmobile. Pointless? You bet! But the fuel savings have been incredible.

It's been my pleasure to serve as Director at Low Hills, to ruin it so comprehensively, and I am glad there is still room to grow. More growth means more for me to destroy, and that's what I live for.

Sincerely,

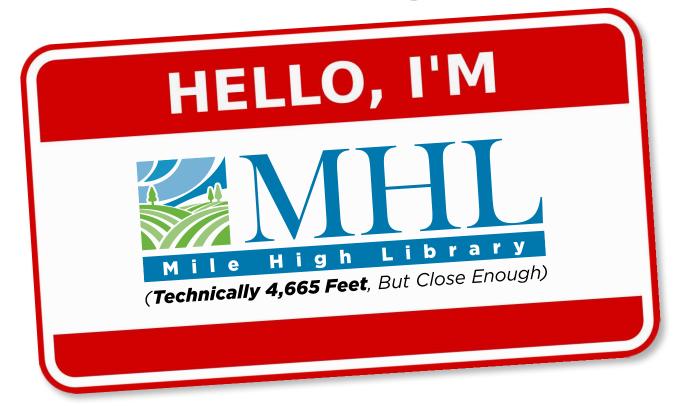
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Low Hills Library District Presents a Vote To Name

The New Library Location



With our rivals at HPLD putting in their new LINC Library Innovation Center (ooooh! SOO fancy! We're SOOOOOO jealous), we figured it was time for us to put in a new library, too.

Is it really super small? Yes. Is it a monthly rental? Yes. Is it a monthly rental from a company that traditionally provides storage units? That's an oddly specific question, and yes, it is. Is it, in fact, nothing more than a storage unit with no books or services inside? Listen, enough questions.

Please select your choice for the new name for this exciting location from the list below:

- Casa Bonita North Annex Event Center
- Mile High Library (Technically 4,665 Feet, But Close Enough) [this is the full name, including the piece in parenthesis. We've been advised by legal counsel that this is necessary]
- The Barely Any Bedbugs Library

- The Did You Know Bedbugs Are Technically Harmless? Library
- The Seriously, Bedbugs Aren't That Big A Deal Library
- The Bruce Campbell Memorial Library (Oh, wait, you can't do a "memorial" library until someone is dead? Well... who's the most Bruce-Campbell-like dead person?)
- The Capricorbrary (why should Libras have all the fun?)
- The How Is The Toner On This Printer Always So Low? Library
- The Greg Stivins Really Stinks Library. That's Right, Greg, We Built A Library To Name After How You Stink, That's How Much You Stink.

Get your votes in no later than April 15th. Get them to us via...I don't know, just yell into the bookdrop or something. We'll probably just pick whichever one we like best, anyway. You hear that, Greg Stivins?

Low Hills Library District Proud To Announce the

ou see them on the street you watch them on TV ou thank they're people just like you.

Return

That's right!

You all laughed at us when we kept our gigantic vault of VHS tapes from the 1980's and 1990's, and now WE

ARE THE ONES DOING THE LAUGHING.

In case you haven't noticed, VHS is going for RIDICULOUS prices online.

Nightmare on Elm Street 3? \$65 bucks!

Scarface? \$100 dollars!

Sealed and graded copy of Saw? \$1,000!

Low Hills has, once again, led from the back of the pack by doing absolutely nothing.

You're welcome, by the way.

Other libraries laughed at us, but you're welcome for the good job we did using taxpayer funds to store VHS tapes 650 feet underground in an unused salt mine in Hutchison, Kansas, where they store the originals for Gone With The Wind and The Wizard of Oz. Right next to them, our VHS copy of Demolition Man remains in pristine condition.

Other than all the Low Hills stickers and junk we put on it.

And because we're now pretty sure that VHS is BACK,

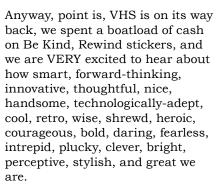
we're having all our tapes shipped back to the library, and they'll be on the shelves in a few short weeks.

This DOES mean we have to get rid of all of our DVDs and Blu Rays. Again, you're welcome.

> Oh, you like your fancy Digital Video Discs and the ability to skip chapters? Well, tough toenails.

What will you do without your precious high-definition Blu-Rays? I don't know, maybe try squinting, the way we all did it in the 90's. What's the matter, your Gen Z squinting muscles are too weak from never being used because everything is so high-def? Maybe try having a little something called

we are VERY excited to hear about



Thank Yous may be sent in the form of cash, cookies with cash baked into the center, and cash with cookies in the center of rolled-up bills.



That's right, while other libraries were fooling around with books and internet access and laptop checkout and museum passes and other junk, WE got what you really want: Those sweet, sweet TSwift tickets!

We don't want to talk too much about the process of acquiring them. It was messy. We're checking into the legality and technical definitions of "Breaking and Entering."

What's important is that we've got 'em, and we've got the plan all set:

All Low Hills patrons who want to see the show (we're assuming that's all of you) will line up at the designated parking space, TBD. Then, the person in the front of the line will take the tickets, sprint inside, and be inside for approximately 45 seconds.

Where the seats are is unimportant, trust me, you'll never make it in time. Usain Bolt wouldn't make it in time. Plus, they're really awful. They created a new version of "obstructed view" called "a philosophical exercise in determining what technically counts as 'seeing' a concert" just for this one seat.

Once your 45 seconds are up, you are to return to the spot,

the tickets will be passed to the next person, and they will have their 45 seconds.

If you don't return...well, we have no way to force you to. Probably shouldn't have said that. Shoot...

Just come back, okay?

Sure, you won't be able to hear an entire song. "Glitch" is only 2:28, though, so you might hear a good chunk!

And, alright, yeah, you'll probably only hear an echo-y version of it in the stadium halls, all that sound bouncing off concrete, it'll probably be borderline offensive to the ears. But it's TayTay. Her songs transcend the normal physical properties of buildings and whatnot.

Yes, agreed, it's not IDEAL. But, c'mon, what do you expect? Don't you want to be able to say you were THERE? The Eras Tour! It's really happening!

On a very related note: We have zero budget remaining for library light bulbs this year, so please turn lights on when you enter a space, turn them off when you leave, and if a light burns out while you're in a space, you're technically responsible for replacing it.

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