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NEWS

HF Group Expands Book Manufacturing Services

Riverside Bindery

Earlier in 2015, Cleveland-based Finish Line Binderies and HF Group, LLC, acquired The Riverside Group of Rochester, New York.

Riverside is a full-service, post-press operation offering case binding, perfect binding, Wire-O binding, slip cases, specialty packaging and boxes. Finish Line Binderies is one of the leaders in the book manufacturing industry offering services in perfect binding and mechanical binding, while HF Group's binding industry strength lies primarily in specialty hardcover binding segments. There is a tremendous amount of synergy between the three entities and the new partnership has already provided benefits to the marketplace.

The new company name of Riverside Bindery remains recognizable, and much of the key, long-tenured staff at Riverside remains and is excited to be working with the two organizations. Mike Hill, President of Riverside, states that "In an industry that has been continuously challenged with change, consolidation and reinvention, our employees are pleased with the investment these two companies have made in this operation."

TNO Bindery

In July, HF Group acquired trade and bindery equipment of TNO Bindery, a small, short run edition bindery in Asheboro, North Carolina. Short run edition equipment has been moved to our facility in Browns Summit, North Carolina. Mike Casserman, a 15 year employee of TNO, has joined the company to manage the edition lines and will become familiar with other areas of the bindery operation.

PROJECTS

Library Depository Facility Commences Operations

Last fall we were pleased to announce plans for a Columbus-area facility which would provide library depository services for The Ohio State University. Construction was completed in February, the facility climate test period was completed in March, and ingest of materials was completed in April, 2015.

The 20,000 square foot facility was designed specifically for the long-term storage of library materials and is equipped with environmental control systems to manage and monitor the temperature, humidity and air quality to very tight tolerances. Physical security, controlled access, fire protection and life safety were key considerations during the design and construction process. Items are managed using our high-availability, cloud-based Total Recall™ records and information management system that is hosted in our secure, dedicated, redundant data center located in Canton, Ohio.

The depository currently holds over 30,000 cubic feet of archives and library materials including special collections items of all sizes. Pickup and delivery service to the Ohio State campus is provided twice a week. The facility storage capacity is over 100,000 cubic feet and marketing to other potential users of the facility is under way.



BEHIND THE SCENES

AcmeBinding Transportation Service

When it comes to library binding, personal service has always been the hallmark of HF Group's AcmeBinding division, and nowhere is that more visible than in our company-owned transportation operation.

- **17 drivers, 20+ vehicles**
- **700,000 - 800,000 miles annually**
- **1,700 nights out**



We maintain a fleet of more than twenty vehicles, each of which averages 70,000 miles driven each year. Each week, seventeen dedicated drivers fan out from four production facilities and three transportation hubs, following efficiently-planned routes and making scheduled stops at libraries in almost every state. Because our service area is quite large, many routes require several days on the road so drivers spend a total of 1,700 nights out during the course of a year.

We work hard to ensure that your materials are picked up and delivered safely and on time and we recognize how many of our customers come to rely on our drivers' timely and courteous service. All of our employees and staff greatly appreciate what our drivers do for our customers and our company!

Transportation Schedules Online

To view truck schedules, visit www.acmebinding.com and select the *Forms & Resources* page for your regional bindery.

PEOPLE

Meet Mark Sapusek!

In addition to his role as Corporate IT Developer, Mark Sapusek serves as the IT Manager for our North Carolina and Indiana facilities, and contributes to company-wide IT projects on a regular basis as well.



Eighteen years ago Mark started a company called Visionary Web, providing design services on the emerging World Wide Web. Before long, he also began to provide computer repair services and soon employed a staff of technicians. By 2012 Visionary had more than 400 clients, including HF Group, and Mark made the decision to sell the company. In 2013, he joined HF Group.

Mark is a native of Indiana but he and his wife of 22 years just moved to Greensboro in August. Their son is a sophomore at the University of South Florida and their daughter is a senior in high school.

While Mark's technical expertise is highly valued, he has a creative side, too. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting from Ball State University, and still finds time to paint. He also enjoys spending time with his daughter doing set design for community theaters.

"We are very fortunate to have Mark on our team full time. His experience is vast but, more importantly, his work ethic and eagerness to make a difference for our company is obvious to all who work with him. His support for our corporate activities and especially for our facilities in Indiana and North Carolina is greatly recognized and appreciated!" Jay Fairfield, CEO