

BOOKBINDING | BOOK MANUFACTURING | PRESERVATION | DIGITIZATION
COMMERCIAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT | LIBRARY DEPOSITORY SERVICES

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Open House: August 17th - 19th

HF Group/AssureVault is hosting an open house at our Gahanna, Ohio, library depository facility in conjunction with the IFLA* **World Library and Information Congress**.

Open house hours: 9:00 - 4:00.
For more information, go to

www.assurevault.com/openhouse

* International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

NEWS & PROJECTS

Digital Solutions Division Tackles Large Newspaper Capture Project

In our previous issue we introduced our new Digital Transitions BC100 dual camera book capture system, dubbed, "The Best Book Scanner in the World." It is up to 30 times faster than legacy book scanners and is capable of shooting bound and loose materials, including works on paper, serials including newspapers, loose manuscripts, photos, and drawings.

We are currently capturing the first 50,000 pages of a 250,000 page (minimum) project that comprises Hawaiian Japanese-language newspapers. The project could ultimately exceed 1.5 million pages. While this might be daunting for a legacy book scanner, the BC100 is up to the task.

Conservation Handling

The BC100 is designed for the careful handling of bound materials up to 17" x 24" in size. It natively scans bound items that are opened to 100°. The glass platen incorporates a purpose-built pneumatic system that offsets the weight of the glass and minimizes pressure on the materials.

Optimally, we can scan large-format items at a rate of 600 to 900 pages per hour with manual page turning. The Phase One XF200MP Camera System provides superior images at resolutions from 300 to 1200 dpi with an ISO range of 50 to 12800.

When it was installed, our BC100 was only the fourth such system to be put into production in the world. This system redefines the way library materials are digitized, and we are proud to be able to offer its capabilities to customers worldwide.

Oral History Presentation

Oral history is an important means of gathering, preserving and interpreting historical information through the personal experiences and opinions of individuals.

According to the Oral History Association, "Oral history is both the oldest type of historical inquiry, predating the written word, and one of the most modern, initiated with tape recorders in the 1940s and now using 21st-century digital technologies."¹

AcmeBinding's Robert DeCristoforo was contacted by a communication design firm with a request for an enclosure in conjunction with an oral history project. He developed a design and the result was a hand-made presentation case that holds a book, a hard drive and a CD. In completing the project, thirteen cases were made by AcmeBinding's Fine Binding division in Charlestown, Massachusetts.



¹ "Oral History: Defined." Oral History Association. Accessed August 04, 2016.
<http://www.oralhistory.org/about/do-oral-history/>.

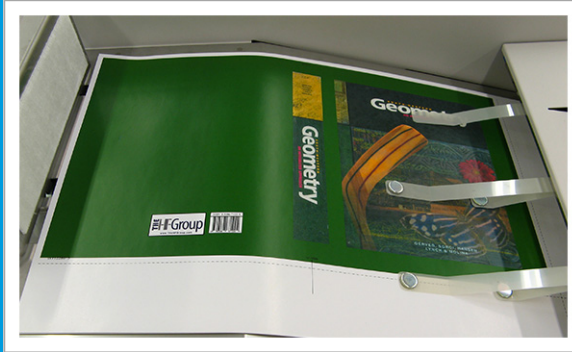
BEHIND THE SCENES

- Saves as much as 90% of the cost of new books
- Bright, graphic covers
- Clean, mark-free edges
- Durable

Textbook Rebinding

School will soon be in session and our binderies are wrapping up the 9-week period we call “textbook season.”

Each year the company rebinds textbooks for more than 750 school districts around the country, as well as a handful of used textbook resellers. Annually we rebind approximately 175,000 - 200,000 textbooks! Because of the short timeframe in which to complete so many books, we supplement our regular bindery staff with teams of college students, many of whom return for several summers throughout their college careers.



The cost of a new textbook can vary between \$40 and \$100 – a high price to pay for something that must be replaced due to physical quality alone. Worn books are rebound into like-new condition and are more durable than ever. Rebinding adds years to the life of textbooks for only a fraction of the replacement cost.

And that’s what’s going on... behind the scenes!

PEOPLE

Meet David Lair!

Dave Lair is the Plant Manager for HF Group’s library bindery in Chesterland, Ohio.



Previously, Dave was a supervisor at a global manufacturing company and, in 2002, he joined HF Group as a department supervisor. In 2010 he was promoted to Plant Manager. He is responsible for managing all aspects of daily bindery production. During the summer, he is particularly focused on seasonal textbook rebinding operations.

Dave is a life-long resident of nearby Newbury, Ohio, and a graduate of Newbury High School. He and Colleen, his wife of nineteen years, have two sons: Trenton, who is sixteen, and Dawson, who is thirteen. They also have two Labrador Retrievers, Diesel and Dozer – father and son.

In his spare time, Dave enjoys spending time with his family and coaches and plays various sports with his boys. He also enjoys hunting and fishing, and is a big fan of the Cleveland Browns, Cavaliers, and Indians.

“Dave has been a valuable manager with us for almost 15 years. His dedication and care for both the employees and customers while striving to always improve our efficiency is outstanding. He is truly a major key to our success.”

– Jim Bratton, VP & General Manager