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NEWS

AcmeBinding Wins Awards

We are proud to announce that AcmeBinding recently received a number of prestigious awards from PINE – Printing Industries of New England – including Best of Show, 2017.

Pinnacle Award, Hard Cover Books and Best of Show - *The American Violin*

The American Violin was bound in a 3-piece hardcover with a bonded leather spine and Cialux sides. It features semi-automated gold tooling on the back, spine and front cover and has gilding on three sides.

The American Violin was printed by Meridian Printing.

Other awards include a Pinnacle Award in Art Books for *Fred Sandback: Light, space, Facts* and an Award of Recognition in Hard Cover Books for *Tiffany: Master Pieces*.

PROJECTS

Audubon's *Birds of America*

ECS Conservation recently completed the work of conserving 335 plates of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's collection of John James Audubon's *Birds of America*.

Produced between 1826 and 1838, the 38 by 25 inch hand-colored plates were originally issued unbound, but they were subsequently bound into hardcover volumes. Because of their size, the bindings restricted the library's ability to display them responsibly, so a key goal of the project was to restore the plates to their original state.

One at a time, the volumes were personally picked up at the library by ECS staff and driven directly to Browns Summit. In the lab, conservators began the process of disbinding, treating and housing the plates. Treatment included cleaning the plates, infilling the holes left from the binding cords, lining with Japanese paper (as needed), repairing hairline tears and humidifying/flattening the paper. One of the big challenges was to reverse old repairs that were done improperly with tape and glue. The treated plates were put into folders with acid free interleaving and oversize clamshell boxes were made in which to house them. The clamshell boxes and plates were then hand delivered back to the library.

Due to the scope and scale of this project, many were involved including Kesha Talbert, Matt Johnson, Brenda Parsons, Brian Crean, and colleagues in private practice, Gary Albright and Stephanie Watkins.

"The conservation work done on the Library's Audubon Birds double elephant folio set by the team at ECS far exceeded our expectations. The team at ECS showed an acute awareness of Audubon's work and with their fine attention to detail helped bring the Birds back to their "roost," to reside long into the future."

– Marguerite Cheman and Amy Pickard, Buffalo and Erie County Library

To see larger versions of these images, as well as others, go to ecsconservation.com/boa.



Snowy Owls



Clamshell Box

BEHIND THE SCENES

ABLE: Keeping It Running Smoothly, Year after Year

For several decades we have offered our customers the use of ABLE software, which allows library staff to prepare items for binding with ease and consistency. Since its inception, it has operated on many platforms, from mini computers to PCs to servers hosting the application on the web. It has also undergone many upgrades to keep up with the latest technology with the last major upgrade taking place during the period of 2009 - 2012.

As our company has evolved, we have supported an increasing number of ABLE servers, each of which had a different operating system and database platform. This presented challenges from the standpoint of management as well as licensing so IT Manager, Mark Sapusek and his team, developed a plan to migrate each server to a unified environment without disrupting service to customers. The effort began in 2015 and finally concluded this spring and each ABLE server now runs in a virtual environment with Windows Server 2012 and SQL Server 2012.

Security Concern

With the server consolidation in place, there was another important, and potentially show stopping, issue to consider: Java. ABLE Web was developed as a Java applet and has run reliably over the years. But, because Java is increasingly considered to be a security weakness, is not supported in most browsers and more and more institutions discourage its use. Enter Java Web Start. Oracle's Java Web Start is a framework that allows Java applets like ABLE to be run securely outside of a browser. This eliminates the security concern and ensures that ABLE will continue be a vital tool in bindery preparation for years to come.

PEOPLE

Meet Pat Bowe!

Pat is a long-time employee in HF Group's library bindery in Chesterland, Ohio.

When Pat came to the bindery looking for a job thirty-two years ago, she told the interviewer that she loved to type. That made her a perfect fit for an open position in the typesetting department. Since that time, she has seen many changes in the technology and has been the supervisor of the department for more than twenty-five years.

Growing up in nearby Auburn Township, Ohio, Pat graduated from Kenston High School in 1967. She married Jim three years later, lived in Chesterland for a short period, and then bought the house in Newbury where she still lives. She has three children – Kim, Mike and Kelly – and all of them were employed at the bindery early in their working careers.

Pat is very active the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Geauga FOE 2261, located in Chardon, Ohio. She is also an avid bowler, serves as an officer in her local association, and is secretary of her league. In addition, she enjoys golfing, reading, swimming and travelling.

"We are grateful for her dedication, long service, and extensive knowledge of our customers' lettering needs."

- Jim Bratton, VP & General Manager, Chesterland

- In use since the 1980s
- Mini computers, DOS, Windows, Web
- Windows Server 2012
- SQL Server 2012
- Web Start

