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NEWS

Welcome Bridgeport National Bindery Customers

We welcome you, the former library binding customers of Bridgeport National Bindery (BNB), to the HF Group family.

Like BNB, HF Group has a rich history in library binding and preservation services. We serve a national customer base with diverse binding and preservation services and facilities located in Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Ohio.

We also present a variety of diverse, but related, offerings that include comprehensive conservation services, archival quality digitization, library repository services, custom enclosure production, digital content management and much more. Should you have needs outside of the realm of library binding, our staff would be happy to help you.

Over the years, the business of library binding has gone from a manual process to one that is heavily reliant on technology. As such, we maintain an enterprise-class technology infrastructure that incorporates high-availability servers, redundant, secure data centers on separate public power grids, all of which is interconnected with our facilities via multiple high-speed data links with automatic fail-over capability. This infrastructure, along with our redundant online backup services, helps to ensure that our production and delivery schedules are never delayed due to an interruption of computing services.

With BNB's decision to focus on a new business strategy, we pledge to make every effort to transition your library binding as smoothly as possible. We have collaborated with BNB for many years and we are familiar with their products and practices. Their staff and ours are in full cooperation in order to assist with a smooth transition.

We want to emphasize that our company remains committed to library binding and we are pleased to have the opportunity to serve your institution in any way we are able, now, and in the future.

Jim Heckman
North Manchester, Indiana

Paul Parisi
Boston, Massachusetts

Eric Fairfield
Greensboro, North Carolina

DT BC100 Book Scanner

Our Digital Solutions division has expanded its book scanning capabilities with the acquisition of a **BC100**, from Digital Transitions.

The BC100 dual camera book capture system is capable of shooting both bound and loose materials, including works on paper, serials including newspapers, loose manuscripts, photos, and drawings. Its digital camera heads meet preservation grade imaging standard including the **FAGDI 4-star** and **METAMORFOZE** guidelines, and the 100° glass platen enables the digitization of up to 6" bindings and page sizes larger than 17" x 24" or A2 size per side.

One of the projects being scanned on the BC100 is a fascinating collection of United States Marine Corps newsletters - bound volumes comprising 30,000 to 40,000 pages - that were sent to men serving in China in the 1930s and early 1940s.



BEHIND THE SCENES

Kodak NexPress SX Digital Production Color Presses

For many years, HF Group/Book Partners has worked hard to meet the printing and binding needs of publishers, self-publishers, authors, and individuals. Now, with our new Kodak NexPress Digital Production Color Presses, we are raising our digital book printing capability to a new level.

Book Partners has recently purchased a pair of Kodak NexPress SX3900s and NexPress SX3300s each for our Boston and Indiana production facilities. "This technology represents a game-changer for Book Partners," according to Jim Heckman, Vice President of HF Group and Managing Director of Book Partners. "From the sophisticated, real-time customer interface to the comprehensive production workflow, the flexible NexPress platform is a complete web-to-print solution."

The Kodak NexPress SX Press provides photographic image quality, beyond offset quality. And its oversized feeder can handle substrates up to 14" x 39" - the largest in the industry. In addition to standard printing, the NexPress can produce gold, high gloss, watermarks, and protection coatings.



Direct Customer Interface

The **INSITE Prepress Portal System** allows customers to submit jobs directly - no more FTP or email attachments - and jobs can be tracked and viewed throughout the production process using standard web browsers or IPAD tablets. The system tracks all activity, including job submissions, change requests, and approvals or rejections.

Workflow

At the heart of the NexPress platform is the **Kodak PRINERGY Workflow**. PRINERGY workflow features intent-based automation that extends from the point

of order entry to the final assembly of the printed product. This provides greater efficiency and tighter quality control, ensuring that each order is done right from beginning to end.

To learn more, contact Jim Heckman via [email](#).

PEOPLE

Meet Diana Riley, Library Binding Manager



Diana is a nineteen-year employee of HF Group and has been overseeing library bindery production for the last five years.

She ensures that binding orders are entered and processed in a timely manner and that they are complete and done to customers' specification. She trains customers in the use of ABLE Library and handles customers' binding questions. She also train employees in all aspects of library binding, including the use of ABLE Bindery and the use of a variety of equipment such as System 3, EX-Cut, Ultrabind, milling machines, MD-17 and much more, making sure that each employee can perform library binding tasks to the best of their abilities. If that weren't enough, she also trains and supervises textbooks summer staff.

Diana is a native of Boston but spent most of her childhood living in Puerto Rico and is fluent in Spanish, which is a big help on the job. She began her career at HF Group as a young mother, when her son was enrolled in daycare right across the street from the bindery. The New England Patriots awarded her a scholarship, which she used to study business administration and accounting at Bunker Hill Community College.

When she's not working, Diana loves to read and spend time with her children.

"Diana has a great fashion sense, and a great ability to handle the many details of all the library binding orders she is responsible for. Style and competence is a good combination."

- Paul Parisi, President & COO, HF Group