

TO THE EDITOR ==

Storage needed to avoid book destruction

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Last fall, 2025, adverse weather held me out of town and I missed the [Friends of the Library] book sale. But I did make it in time to find two big blue recycle tubs outside the Library. My first thought was, 'I hope this isn't what I think it is?' Lifting the lid I found my worst fears were true. Both blue tubs, filled to the brim with unsold books, from a three hour 'Buy Period.' Unsold and now shipped off to be shredded and pulped. Now, after the April 11th book sale, two more blue tubs are filled with unsold books. Since then, I've tried to get to the bottom of why things are going this way, by talking with this person and that.

Now, let me state the Library Board and the Friends of the Library, all are well meaning and good intentioned people, and nobody likes pulping books that have not found a home. But the problem seems to be that there is no longer anyone who can store these books in a dry and safe location. So, to fix this tragic problem, the Friends of the Library are looking for a kind hearted, book loving person who has room to store 8 to 12 boxes of books until the next book sale takes place.

This is the wrong period of time and history to be destroying scads of books that are probably never to be replaced. We are all on the unhappy crossroads of 'Digital Vs. Print' media. If suitable storage can not be found in this town, then we can expect to dumbly destroy all but a handful of books still hoarded by book zealots.

The April 11th books are already in the dumpster (how much extra did that cost?). The much needed book storage would be after the NEXT Book Sale. Whether books are burned from hate or neglect, every one is left poorer as a result. If you can help the Friends of the Library store some books in the future, please contact the library and get connected.

**Destroying books is not the answer,
Joe Sebastian**