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When do Cromaine staff label books?

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HARTLAND TWP. — Some residents are concerned that recent book challenges at Cromaine District Library will lead to the censoring of LGBTQ+ materials.

Library Director Sarah Neidert recently received requests to remove over 200 books — and staffers began the long process of reviewing each and deciding whether the books should be removed,

relocated to a section for older patrons, labeled or left alone.

In the end, staffers took action on 34 books. The rest remain unmoved and unlabeled.

According to policy created by the Cromaine Library Board of Trustees, if a patron objects to materials, they may fill out a “request for reconsideration” form and submit that form to Neidert. The patron must live within the library’s service area and hold a pre-existing library card.

Selection of materials for the library

aren’t made based on anticipated approval or disapproval by patrons or library users but “solely on the merits of a work, without regard to race, nationality, political or religious view of the writer,” according to policy.

The policy also emphasizes that what children read is the responsibility of their parent or guardian. The library’s collection will not be determined, it says, by the possibility that a book may inadvertently come into a child’s hands. Parents who wish to restrict what their child reads must accompany them

while using the collection. Materials may, however, be labeled with “non-prejudicial, viewpoint-neutral labels.”

A reporter with The Daily couldn’t find any labels on books during a visit to the Cromaine Library on Sept. 22. In an email, Neidert provided a list of actions taken for each challenged book. In total, eight were removed, 10 were moved to other locations (either from juvenile to teen or from teen to adult), another 13 were labeled, three were on backorder

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Bread Company may already have a buyer

Oh Crumbs! Bread Company ADAM VANDER KOOY/LIVINGSTON DAILY

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Oh Crumbs! Bread Company in downtown Howell could have a buyer, according to a social media post and online listing that mark the transaction as “contract pending.”

Oh Crumbs! opened in 2023 at 111 N. Walnut St. and quickly became a community favorite for fresh-baked bread.

The bakery closed temporarily in February after owner Scott Bitoff was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The business closed permanently in September after Bitoff cited ongoing health challenges that necessitated taking a step away from the business.

The asking price for the business, according to the online listing, was \$275,000. Bitoff was unable to share details in an email to The Daily, but said he hopes the bakery can re-open

under new ownership for the upcoming holiday season.

The listing includes equipment, retail inventory, raw ingredient inventory, furniture and store fixtures, as well as the bakery’s registered trademark, recipes, company website, online order system, email, phone system and social media pages.

— Contact reporter Makayla Coffee at mcoffee@livingstondaily.com.

Handy Twp. may face Fire Authority lawsuit

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In 2025, The Daily is providing a weekly round-up of the biggest topics in upcoming municipal meetings, giving our readers a chance to engage with their local officials on the projects, appointments and decisions that hit closest to home.

These round-ups are written on Fridays and updated online Mondays. Municipalities are not required by the Michigan Open Meetings Act to provide an agenda in advance of a meeting, but they are required to provide notice. Please visit your local municipality website for the most updated information.

Here are the biggest topics for meetings Monday-Friday, Sept. 29-Oct. 3:

Livingston County

Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Livingston County Administration Building, Conference Room 4 (Upper Level)

- An agenda was not immediately available

Board of Public Works Meeting: 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Livingston County East Complex Building, Room D

- An agenda was not immediately available

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