Library personnel review process for missing, old books

By library staff

Pioneer Memorial Library

For many people, summer is a time to take stock. There is frantic activity — cleaning out closets and cubby holes and trying to get

is the public library.

During the summer, the library the money generated by our sales of books that most often needed does our annual cleaning, too. goes toward new materials. With extra summer help, we do inventory on different parts of our is checking for lost or missing collection.

Part of the process involves withdrawing books that we no lonAnother aspect of inventory

books. After years of working in the library, I am still amazed that it is frequently the same books that

to Pioneer Memorial Library. In two areas that often have missing

replaced in libraries. And guess what? The list of titles and subjects was very familiar.

Certain areas are notorious for having missing books. Some subjects seem to generate more lost books than others. Books about This phenomenon is not unique dreams and witchcraft are just merous times in our library. Somewe put in our book sales. All of seller's web sites, I once saw a list seem to walk off the shelves. Ste-

phen King and Dean Koontz are lot of missing titles, especially in their early works.

A Child Called It by Dave Pelzer is a book that cycles on and off of the best seller lists nationally.

This book has been replaced nutimes it has been because the book has fallen apart, but frequently it is because the book is lost.

might live with you and care

about you, but this situation

is far from loving. Unless he

changes, find the courage to

make changes yourself. This

child from his first marriage

means that this woman will

always be in your life. She's

going nowhere — just like this

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Interestingly, Dave Pelzer's two authors that seem to have a brother, Richard Pelzer has recently written a book called A Brother's Journey. And guess where this book is now - checked out to missing.

Another group of books that seem to get walking feet is the poetry of Shel Silverstein. A Light In the Attic, and Where the Sidewalk Ends are two books that we have replaced more than once. A few years ago we went ahead and put one copy of each of these books in the adult and one in the children's section. Hopefully this will ensure that when you are looking for one of these books, there will be one available.

In the strange but true category, self-help books, especially those on organization are frequently books that are lost. Maybe the people who took them should read them. They might get so organized they would find the missing

library book and return it. When we get a box of books donated for the book sale, we go through them to see if any of these books are available. If so, we put them is our stash of replacement

So when What To Expect When You're Expecting is missing, we have a backup copy ready to go for the expectant mother.

Or if Harry Potter falls apart, we are able to quickly (and cheaply) get another copy on our shelves so you won't have to wait to find out what happens to Harry.

ger need. We might have a book are missing year after year. rid of things. When it comes to getting rid with a newer copyright or maybe of books and magazines, the first it is just something that is not beplace that seems to come to mind ing used. Anything we withdraw, fact, on one of the largest book items. Also certain authors just

Imperfect parents expect perfection from a child

By Harlan Cohen

Dear Harlan,

I am a student at an elite college. At the end of this year I will be done with my premed studies and will take the MCAT a year early.

always done very well in school, but I just could not handle this class. I was already taking an accelerated load, and I had nevthis course.

I just can't be good at everything. And I don't even like biology. That's part of why I didn't room for mistakes. do so well in this class. It was so overwhelming and difficult, and I don't even like the subject to begin with.

Although I worked hard, I fail.

could have done more. My family will be so disappointed. At our last get-together, all anyone talked about was how wonderful it is that I'm going into medicine and how proud they are of me. I feel like such a failure.

However, I am going to get a anything less than an "A" in the "C" in my biology class. I don't class, I would be expected to re- out. know how to handle this. I have take it because I should be doing better. What do I do?

> Imperfect Dear Imperfect,

I would give your parents er seen a cell in my life before a "B+" in parenting. They should go back to school, too. The pressure they put on you is too much. They've left no

By having such unrealistic expectations and saying that anything less than perfect is a ten a divorce. After almost three failure, they've set you up to

Take the biology class over if you want, but do it for yourself -- not for your parents. If it turns out that a "B+" is your best, be happy that you've done your best.

Most importantly, pursue My family told me that if I got medicine only if you love it. If you're not happy doing it, get

It's great to make your family proud for a weekend get-together, but it's not your family who will have to get up every morning and face a job they hate I am that's all you.

Dear Harlan,

My boyfriend of two years is unemployed and still married. He and his ex separated before I met him, but he still hasn't gotyears, why would he remain married to her?

the divorce because he's unemployed, but part of me thinks he still wants her. They talk on the phone, write and e-mail.

My boyfriend says they're discussing their kid, but she sends him pictures of herself and love letters. She even calls me to yell at me, then says that she loves

If he doesn't want to be with her, why doesn't he tell her to quit yelling at me, to quit writing and calling him and get the divorce? Do you think he still wants her?

 Baffled in the South Dear Baffled,

He wants a divorce about as badly as you want to hear the

You know what's happening here. The guy doesn't want a

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Tractor safety tips offered

Tornadoes, flooding, high winds a recipe for disaster," Ebert said. and hail — all have hit parts of the country's heartland, and all require cleanup of one sort or another.

Tractors will play a part in plenty of that cleanup, so keeping cerbe important, said Kerri Ebert, ly. who works with farm safety issues in Kansas State University's AgrAbility program. AgrAbility is part of K-State Research and Extension.

'Some tractors will be operated by the owner, but many will be operated by someone who has borrowed a tractor and is unfamiliar with its operation.

ence and heavy workloads can be emblems and lights.

She provided several tips:

• If the tractor is equipped with a rollover protective structure buckle the seatbelt.

• When using a loader bucket, tain safety measures in mind will keep the load low and drive slow-

> • Be vigilant about rear overturn hazards when pulling other vehicles that may be stuck or using the tractor for stump removal.

· Never allow extra riders.

• Do not hitch above the draw-

bar when pulling or towing loads of debris.

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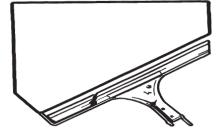


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