

HMC-Memo-006-HMC-Library

MEMORANDUM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Abner Coimbre
DATE: Thursday April 30th, 2026
SUBJECT: Seeking Volunteers for the HMC Library

Dear Handmade Cities,

As we [celebrated](#) the invitation tree in my last memo, the community has been hard at work on the **Handmade Cities Library**: an initiative to lend and borrow computer books or hardware devices among members.

Ideally we'd have this up and running by this summer. I'll be sure to keep you posted in upcoming memos. Read along to learn how to help us out!

How It Will Work

There will be a library page on our site which lets you log in using [Handmade Revolt](#) credentials. This is important to identify [Verified Humans](#), as they're the only users who may lend or borrow items. (Community members who aren't yet verified can still browse around.) Let's imagine a plausible scenario:

1. Mario lists his Raspberry Pi 5 and for how long he can lend it for
2. Link browses the catalog and sees Mario's new listing
3. Link places a hold on Mario's Pi
4. Library notifies Mario with Link's preferred pickup location(s)
5. Mario approves a pickup location

Now if Luigi visits the library page, he'll see Mario's Pi was borrowed for X many days. He was too late!

Notice there's A LOT of hidden questions the above scenario doesn't answer. For example, what happens when an item is overdue? Should Luigi be able to place another hold? So that he's first in the wait queue? Could someone choose to donate instead of lending? Is everything bound geographically or do we plan to support shipping? It would require a much longer memo to answer everything. Realistically, we're going to keep this as dumb as possible for the initial release: it should feel more like a bulletin board than a library at first.

Note: Our Terms of Service will warn HMC is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Exercise caution when meeting strangers in real life.

How to Volunteer

Right now what I need is a **list of tech-related books or devices** you're willing to lend to the community! The goal is to open up the library with a catalog available right off the gate. Please email support@handmadecities.com with your list and the city or region where you're from.

I'm also making the assumption you [already attend](#) Handmade meetups regularly. However, if you live somewhere where meetups aren't happening but you wish to donate library items, email me directly at abner@handmadecities.com.

Thank you for the assistance. The act of borrowing things from each other strengthens bonds in ways that are really difficult to put into paper.

Until May,

Abner Coimbre

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