**STEAMPUNK PROFESSOR THWARTS DASTARDLY LIBRARY THEFT**

Southwick, West Sussex.

Few would argue that libraries have had a tough few years. Since 2010, we have lost 478 libraries in the UK, not to mention 14 million books. That’s why additional thefts from the library system can be even more heart breaking for regular borrowers.

Just before Christmas, the small but beautifully resourced library in Southwick had its entire graphic novel collection stolen. This left them borrowing stocks from other libraries and putting a strain on the system. Library theft is a worryingly common occurrence, particularly in smaller libraries and it can have a real impact on the already stretched services.

With all that in mind, Professor Elemental, Steampunk entertainer and fan of Southwick Library has a plan; Get in touch with all of his friends to see what can be done about replenishing the stocks!

This week sees the Professor launch a campaign to restore the Southwick library to its former glory and is asking friends, Steampunks and comic aficianados to help. If you have any unwanted graphic novels (see conditions below) or trade paperbacks, send them onto the Prof. He will take them directly to Southwick to ensure they are fully stocked once more. Even better, the new books can then be accessed by everyone in West Sussex, meaning free graphic novels for all!

This is a small campaign, but with a brilliantly achievable aim: by writing this small wrong, we can also show that the world isn’t such a bad place after all. So please, show the video, spread this press release and help give back to the library.

NOTES FOR SUBMISSION:

Help replace the stolen comics from Sussex libraries by sending your unwanted graphic novels to:

Professor Elemental, 69 Ship Street, Brighton, BN11AE

Books must be in good condition and published within the last three years. All books not taken by the library will be given directly to charities that work with young people.

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The video for the appeal (filmed by the Prof’s kids) is here:

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