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Library Basement
by Ross Trudeau

ACROSS

- 1. Different hairstyle
- 6. Cover of darkness, briefly?
- 9. Like some retired intel. agents
- 14. Words before "Medic!"
- 15. What a crew uses to cruise
- 16. Live (in)
- 17. Key role that only one can play?
- 19. Lightly-struck tennis shots
- 20. Frida Kahlo's output, e.g.
- 21. 50%
- 22. "That's a dadgum lie!"
- 23. Romanov leader
- 25. "___ darn tootin'!"
- 26. Abbr. at the gas pump
- 27. N.Y.S.E. listings
- 29. Procedure preceded by "Clear!" for short
- 31. Softball stat
- 34. Gift tag word
- 35. Michigan city where Henry Ford was born
- 37. Teaser

- 38. Dashboard fig.
- 39. They'd been podding long before 2020
- 40. One doing some trash day sorting
- 42. Like dry mud
- 43. "Help! A Mouse!"
- 44. Excite
- 46. Old C.I.A. counterpart
- 47. "The ___" (Spielberg film based on a children's book)
- 48. Cooked for
- 50. First Pixar film with a Black protagonist
- 53. "The Irishman" co-star
- 56. Pond plant
- 58. Org. that might slow your terminal velocity?
- 59. Adult insect
- 60. Quality that amazes (just AMAZES!)
- 62. Acronym encompassing several minority identities
- 63. Old fashioned rocks?
- 64. Revealing beachwear

- 65. Reeked
 - 66. Squeak (out)
 - 67. Singer Mann
- DOWN**
- 1. Try to bite
 - 2. Kuwaiti rulers
 - 3. "That's total baloney!"
 - 4. Racket
 - 5. "Then again ...," on Twitter
 - 6. Collected, as resources
 - 7. T.S. Eliot title character
 - 8. "No seats left" inits.
 - 9. "Venom" antihero played by Tom Hardy
 - 10. TIE fighter combatant in "Star Wars"
 - 11. Rap's 50 ___
 - 12. Kinds
 - 13. "Not to mention ..."
 - 18. Mention
 - 22. Diva's time to shine
 - 24. Spacious
 - 28. Shepherd's garment with a rhyming name
 - 30. Alternative to masc.

- 31. Lowest possible state, and a feature of 3-, 7-, 9-, and 28-Down
- 32. Call from a jackass
- 33. Connections
- 34. Like shareware
- 36. Talks a big game
- 37. ___-K
- 38. "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" protagonist
- 41. Brand of locking blocks
- 45. For kids
- 47. Excited about
- 49. ___ Jam Records
- 51. Hwy. that runs Maine to Florida
- 52. Shareable fries order, say
- 53. "I call that!"
- 54. Give off
- 55. Region where you can always find a cab?
- 57. Facts and figures
- 60. Golfer Michelle
- 61. ___-Town (Midwest city nickname)