Building Bridges through Artists Books

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SHADOW OF DESCENT by Maddy Rosenberg and Hubert Sommerauer
...to artists
...to faculty
...to students
...to places
Baylor University Campus
Waco, Texas
...to the larger community
Peter Thomas, Book Artist
While book arts can provide common meeting ground for various types of artists and studios, they also offer a **unique opportunity for new partnerships** and in-roads to other disciplines beyond the visual arts, such as environmental science, history, anthropology, economics, literature, psychology, etc. Artists books that incorporate such themes often provide a different perspective or commentary on a subject or field that would not ordinarily look to the arts.
...and beyond
The gypsy wagon is coming to Moody Library! Visiting book artists Peter and Donna Thomas will be on campus giving a lecture: "The Future of the Physical Book in the Digital Age" March 22nd @ 2:30pm in the Allbritton Foyer. Come out to chat with them and see some of their work.

Book makers keep art form alive

By Josh Day
Reporter

With the proliferation of e-books and digital textbooks, the way we view books is changing.

Today, another type of book will appear on Baylor's campus. Community members will have the opportunity to view a sled of artist's books crafted by a traveling husband-and-wife team.

The multi-colored gypsy wagon that the books — and Peter and Donna Thomas — travel in will be parked in front of Moody Library so passers-by will have a chance to view the books and reflect on the value of physical books.

The Thomas are book artists who craft, bind and print their own unique books while traveling across America.

Artists' books are unique in their form and shape, often looking nothing like the average book at all. In addition to their artistic value, the Thomases' books are hand-bound and hand-sewn. They are works of art and require hours of labor to create.

The Thomases' books will arrive at the library on March 22. The library will be open from 8am to 10pm on that day.

The wagon is drawing some attention by Moody! Hear the lecture @2:30 in the foyer #Baylor pic.twitter.com/LmBGgahWFF

Come to Moody @ 2:30 today for book artists' lecture on "The Future of the Physical Book in the Digital Age" ow.ly/jk6SU

The Baylor University Libraries invite you to experience bookmaking with Peter & Donna Thomas, winning authors and book artists, from Santa Cruz, California.

Visit the "Gypsy Wagon" outside of Moody Memorial Library. See More
Online Exhibit
http://researchguides.baylor.edu/heartbooks
page views...
in 2011 = 435
in 2012 = 4,562
in 2013 = 5,245
...to the future
Just like the ancient libraries of the past, modern libraries are about building collections of information, ideas, and artistic expression, but today more than ever, libraries wrestle with ever-increasing concerns about shrinking collection space, competing interests for existing space, and the increasing allure of online collections.
These issues increasingly demand that physical collections **justify their existence**. Many materials can exist just fine (and in some cases, better) in digital form, but artists' books point to what the physical collection of the future will look like -- consisting of those **unique works whose richness and meaning are fully realized only in a tactile experience**.