

JAFFE CENTER for BOOK ARTS
at Florida Atlantic University's Wimberly Library Boca Raton, Florida

In this issue: Corrected hours for Letterpress Appreciation Days, and how about a little cool down?
Come spend 4 hours in delightful air conditioned comfort with us at our next introductory immersion;
it's Book Arts 101: Still Summer.

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BOOK ARTS 101: Still Summer
Instructor John Cutrone

Saturday September 9, 2017
1 to 5 PM
Jaffe Center for Book Arts / Library

Class Limit: 18 (you must register ahead of time!) Tuition schedule: Self-determined (Tuition is by open donation to JCBA's Education Fund—you choose what you'd like to give.)

September is that time of year when we here in Florida begin to get a little punch drunk on summer. The heat and humidity have been with us for so long, it's hard to imagine life without them. Each day is very much the same as the one that came before it and the next day will probably be just like today: About 90 degrees, sunny, with a good chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. What we need is a little change of pace. What we need is a good escape.

JCBA has just the ticket. We can change you into a book artist (and a cool one at that) with this four hour introductory immersion in the Jaffe Center for Book Arts. We'll begin with a screening of a screening of a 7-minute video in which you'll meet JCBA founder Arthur Jaffe. We'll follow this with a thorough sampling of the amazing collection of artists' books that is at the core of the Jaffe Center for Book Arts—books that will entertain you, inspire you, educate you, and astound you. We'll honor summer by finding some particularly summery books from the collection... and maybe even encourage summer to pack its bags by conjuring some books that bring to mind cooler, more varied days. Expect a summertime story or two, as well, from the instructor's cache of Convivio Dispatches from Lake Worth.

After a leisurely break for coffee and tea and treats, we'll move on to the JCBA Letterpress Studio, where each participant will print a sheet of paper from type set by hand from JCBA's collection of historic wood type. These sheets will be the covers for the books we'll make, a brief history of the book arts that we'll bind by hand in the Single Signature Pamphlet stitch, a simple bookbinding technique that you can use again and again in your own book projects. You'll go home with a book you made yourself—one that you can read as sleep calls later that night, as you reflect on the new outlook on books (and maybe even life) that you've found earlier in the day at JCBA. "For there is great joy in knowing how to do things." All levels.

Instructor

John Cutrone is Director of the Jaffe Center for Book Arts. He is a graduate of the MFA in the Book Arts Program at the University of Alabama. Aside from his work at JCBA, he is also a writer and a partner in

Lake Worth's Convivio Bookworks, a book arts studio specializing in limited edition letterpress printed books and broadsides (www.conviviobookworks.com). He is the author of the Convivio Book of Days blog, which explores the quirkier side of seasonal traditions, encouraging us to live the ceremony of each day (www.conviviobookworks.com/blog).

Registration

Advance registration is required for all JCBA workshops. Ridiculously easy registration is just a click away:

<http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/spc/JaffeCenter/workshops/book_arts_101_stillsummer.php>

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Please ignore the hours for Letterpress Appreciation Days that we posted in last week's JCBA News... correct hours are here: Noon to 5 PM on Sunday and Noon to 8 PM on Monday... so I can get home at a decent hour each night!

JCBA's 8th Annual LETTERPRESS APPRECIATION DAYS OPEN HOUSE

- Printing on our 1890 Wesel Iron Handpress!
- Letterpress Café & Market
- and... the Florida Premiere of "PRESSING ON: The Letterpress Film!"

Sunday September 17, 2017
from Noon to 5 PM
and
Monday September 18, 2017
from Noon to 8 PM

All Letterpress Appreciation Days events take place at the Jaffe Center for Book Arts FAU's Wimberly Library (3rd Floor East) Letterpress Studio & Book Arts Gallery

The number .918 is of immense importance here at the Jaffe Center for Book Arts and for anyone involved in the old and venerable craft of letterpress printing: .918 inches is the standard height of all the types we use, from the very smallest to the largest. It's a number that reminds us of 9/18, and so for years now, JCBA has been celebrating Letterpress Appreciation Day on the 18th of September. This year 9/18 falls on a Monday, which is close enough to the weekend... so we're making things twice as nice by celebrating on Sunday the 17th and on Monday the 18th, too!

COME PRINT!

Come on over during our open house and print like you mean it using one mean press: We'll be cranking out prints on JCBA's 1890 Wesel Iron Handpress and you will be the printer. You'll print a broadside (a poster, basically) from hand set metal and wood types from JCBA's historic type collection while we teach you a bit about this fascinating craft. The poster is yours to keep and printing it will teach you the difference between clicking PRINT and actually PRINTING. Our Letterpress Studio is home to an

assortment of historic printing presses, all of which are actively used by students and visiting artists to create hand-printed books and literary broadsides.

FREE?

Yessir, free! This eighth annual open house is a free event, though donations to the non-profit Jaffe Center, which is focused on artists' books and the study of hand papermaking, letterpress printing, and bookbinding, are encouraged. (In keeping with the spirit of Letterpress Appreciation Day, might we suggest gifts in multiples of \$9.18?) Cash, checks, and major credit cards are accepted for both donations and purchases. Of course we appreciate your support, but your presence is more important to us than your donation.

LETTERPRESS CAFÉ & MARKET

We'll be gathering up some awesome letterpress printed items available for purchase: cards, prints, books. All printed by real artisans practicing the letterpress tradition. We'll be pouring coffee and lemonade, courtesy of Chartwells, to fuel your creative endeavors, and the folks at Convivio Bookworks are supplying the Italian cookies!

DIRECTIONS, PARKING INFO, and MORE:

<http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/spc/JaffeCenter/events/letterpress_appreciation_day.php>

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The Florida Premiere of

PRESSING ON: THE LETTERPRESS FILM

Two screenings on the big screen in the Jaffe Book Arts Gallery!

Admission: Self-Determined (Students: FREE)

Sunday September 17 at 3 PM

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Monday September 18 at 6 PM

2017 • Documentary • Unrated • 99 minutes • Bayonet Media • Directed by Erin Beckloff & Andrew P. Quinn.

The modern world was born on a printing press. Once essential to communication, the 500-year-old process is now in danger of being lost as its caretakers age. From self-proclaimed basement hoarders to the famed Hatch Show Print, "Pressing On: The Letterpress Film" explores the question: why has letterpress survived in a digital age? Worlds of each character emerge as unusual narratives—joyful, mournful, reflective and visionary—are punctuated with on-screen visual poetry, every shot meticulously composed. Captivating personalities blend with wood and metal type as young printers strive to save this historic process in a film created for the designer, type nerd, historian, and collector in us all.

DIRECTIONS, PARKING INFO, and a NIFTY FILM TRAILER:

<http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/spc/JaffeCenter/events/pressing_on.php>

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Summertime may last a long old time here in Florida, but it's true: the Dog Days are over. Clap your hands.

<http://www.conviviobookworks.com/blog/ferragosto-or-dog-days-are-over-2/>

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