The Week Ahead: Sept. 18 to 24

Sep 17th 2012

Tuesday

Letterpress Appreciation Day Open House at FAU’s Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton; 3 to 8:30 p.m.; free; 561/297-0455 or www.jaffecollection.org

Letterpresses are the kind of inventions that need to be appreciated every now and then, lest they go the way of the Polaroid camera, the landline and (sigh) 35mm film. Purists of the printing form, invented in its original incarnation by Johannes Gutenberg, still stand by the method, and for years, the Jaffe Center for the Book Arts at FAU has welcomed many of its top practitioners to exhibit their letterpress art at the university. So naturally, the Jaffe Center at FAU is South Florida’s prime location for the national Letterpress Appreciation Day, hosted every 9/18 and based on the standard height of wood and metal type – 0.918 inches (where would we be without geeks?). The day includes tours of the center’s letterpress studio and will offer guests the opportunity to print something on its antique Wesel Iron Handpress. The event is free, but donations are welcome.