The Week Ahead: April 17 to 23

Apr 16th 2012

Tuesday

pop!
the arthur j. williams pop-up collection
library-wide, through august 12

Opening night of "Pop! The Arthur J. Williams Pop-Up Collection" at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton; 7 p.m.; free; 561/297-0226

These days, at a time when every third movie in the multiplexes is shot in 3D, the development of the pop-up book seems like an innovation long ahead of its time. The first usage of movable mechanics in a book dates back to the 14th century, and pop-up books eventually became a staple in children's literature – though I always wondered how successful a book like, say, Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time" would be if it had a few pop-up images inside. At any rate, Arthur J. Williams has collected more than 400 of these books, many of which are on display at FAU's library through Aug. 12. At tonight's opening reception, courtesy of the Jaffe Center for the Book Arts, visitors will enjoy popcorn, soda pop and a gallery talk by "paper engineer" Matthew Reinhart. It's sure to bring out the kid in all of us.