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“Dafatir: Contemporary Iraqi Book Arts,” Travelling Exhibition of Handmade Artists Books at FAU Libraries

WHAT: Florida Atlantic University Libraries’ Arthur & Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts is hosting “Dafatir: Contemporary Iraqi Book Arts,” a travelling exhibition of books handmade by Iraqi artists.

WHEN: Thursday, August 21, through Sunday, November 30

WHERE: Florida Atlantic University
S.E. Wimberly Library
Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts,
Lobby and Second floor
777 Glades Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431

COST: Free and open to the public.

CONTACT: To arrange a group tour of the exhibition, contact John Cutrone, Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts programs coordinator, at 561-297-0455 or jcutrone@fau.edu. For more information, visit www.jaffecollection.org.

The Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts at the FAU Libraries on the Boca Raton campus is hosting “Dafatir: Contemporary Iraqi Book Arts,” a travelling exhibition of books handmade by 17 Iraqi artists. The exhibition represents the experiences of three generations of artists, some of whom are still living and working in Baghdad, Iraq, while others are in exile. Dafatir, an Arabic word meaning notebook, highlights the flourishing book arts in modern day Iraq and celebrates the persistence of the artistic impulse in a nation troubled by tyranny and war.

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Photo #1 – Book “Trace of Blood,” a book created by Amar Dawod in 2001

Photo #2 – “Baghdad Day of Destruction,” mixed media on paper by Nazar Yahya

Photo #3 – “Poetry book,” gouache on folded paper created by Sadi Yourif