Jaffe Center to Screen Film ‘Proceed and Be Bold’ on Life of Letterpress Printer Amos Paul Kennedy Jr.

The Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for Book Arts at Florida Atlantic University Libraries is hosting a film screening on the life of Amos Paul Kennedy Jr., on Thursday, April 22 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Wimberly Library, third floor east.

Kennedy, who lives in Gordo, Ala., is a letterpress printer, papermaker and builder of artists books, whose poster exhibition “Proceed and Be Bold” is on display throughout the library until Sunday, May 9.

Kennedy, also an educator and author, is passionate about issues of race, gender and equality, and ultimately is interested in stimulating a response from viewers about his work.

The film, titled the same as the exhibition, gives further insight into this often controversial and thought provoking artist who describes himself as a “humble negro printer.” It features interviews with his mother and father, both college professors; his siblings, employees in his humble letterpress printing shop, his significant other, and his students and colleagues at the college he teaches at.

The “Proceed and Bold” exhibition features an installation of Civil Rights Icon Rosa Parks on the library’s second floor off the main staircase, and on the third floor east, viewers can see the complete inaugural address of President Obama printed in wood type over 100 panels, and additional letterpress posters.

Donations are accepted at the screenings. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Contact John Cutrone, programs coordinator, at 561-297-0455 or jcutrone@fau.edu for more information. The exhibition can be viewed during library hours, which can be found at www.library.fau.edu/geninfo/hours.htm?boca or by calling 561-297-3770. For the portion of the exhibition found inside the Jaffe center, hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.jaffecollection.org.