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The Lloyd Library celebrates Wild/LIFE through Artist Books

This summer, Lloyd Library and Museum hosts *Wild/LIFE*, the triannual traveling exhibition from the Guild of Book Workers, co-sponsored by the Midwest Chapter. The exhibition features approximately 50 works of artists' books and fine bindings by members of the Guild. They were given the following prompt to provide inspiration:

"In a biological sense, wildlife describes the myriad of creatures sharing this planet, interacting and adapting, all connected to each other and their environment. 'Wild' also describes an untamable essence that survives despite the constraints of society and culture. As craftspeople, knowledge of materials and keen observation of how they behave, and often how they refuse to comply, are integral to our practice, and a reminder of how traditional bookbinding materials originate in nature."



Wild/LIFE, a traveling exhibit from the Guild of Book Workers

July 8 - September 17, 2022

Opening Reception

Friday, July 8, 5-7 p.m. Light refreshments

Each of the works in this exhibition demonstrate handcraftsmanship honed with learning, practice, and experimentation. Materials are transformed to communicate the artists' interpretation of wildlife, from themes of comfort and reflection through reconnecting with the outdoors and depictions of the creatures and flora that call it home, to the application of wild in action and mindset, experimenting with structure and unusual materials. Insight into the artists' thoughts, designs, and state of mind can be gleaned from quotes from the artists themselves that accompany each of the works exhibited.

The Guild's mission of book conservation and the theme of biodiversity in *Wild/LIFE* align perfectly with the values of the Lloyd Library. We are honored to have been chosen to host this exhibition.

Programs



The Secret Lives of Fungi

July 20, 7-8 p.m.
Offered <u>in-person</u> at the Lloyd Library and <u>Virtually</u>

Fungi are weird, fungi are cool, and fungi are beautiful. But how much do we really know about them? For starters, they do much more than just rot things. They control pretty much all life on the planet...and they're everywhere. This lecture will present just

some of the fascinating stories told in the author's brand-new book published by Princeton University Press. Like the book, this lecture will feature stories and beautiful photos of amazing fungi – some stories you know, and some you do NOT know. Crazy, wonderful life that goes on all around us, but mostly hidden in plain sight. This lecture is for general audiences with no prior knowledge of mycology, or even biology, necessary.

Britt Bunyard, PhD, is the founder, Publisher, and Editor-in-Chief of the mycology journal *Fungi*. Britt has worked academically as a mycologist his entire career, teaching several university courses and writing scientifically for many research journals and popular science magazines. He has served as an editor for mycological and entomological research journals, and mushroom guidebooks.

<u>In-person Registration.</u> <u>Virtual Registration.</u>



The Nature of Van Gogh

August 3, 7-8 p.m.
In-person at Lloyd Library &
Museum

We all know his name, but what do we know about his life? Vincent Van Gogh endeavored to tell his story through his work as

a student then teacher, a minister and artist. Join us for this presentation by naturalist Carol Mundy, where we will look at how nature inspired Van Gogh's art and discuss some of his unpleasant connections to the earth, such as his exposure to naturally occurring elements, minerals and botanicals that affected his physical and mental health.

As a naturalist, speaker and writer Carol Mundy taught for the University of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Park District, leading classes on urban wildlife issues, native plants, weed identification and the historical uses of plants. She continues to offer lectures and workshops in her "retirement." One of her favorite botanical projects was the design of the historical medicine display for The Ohio Governors' Residence Heritage Garden & Lloyd Medicinal Garden.

Registration required.



The Wild/LIFE Journal & Beyond: A Hands-on **Bookmaking Workshop**

August 27, 10 a.m.- noon In-person at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Learn basic bookmaking skills from members of the Cincinnati Book Arts Society and take home two beautiful handmade books. You'll leave with a pocket-sized leather journal for recording your own wildlife observations and

an accordion-folded book with a hard cover, perfect for displaying photographs or sketches. No experience necessary. Space is limited.

Registration required; \$40 for Lloyd members; \$50 for all others. Deadline for registration is August 20, 2022.



Printmaking Day at the Lloyd

September 17, 12-4 p.m. Lloyd Library & Museum

Cincinnati has a rich history as a publishing center. Join Jacob Simpson of the Cincinnati Type & Print Museum for the lecture History of Printing in Greater Cincinnati from 2-3 p.m. Reservations required.

Stop in and make your own botanical print using a press and images from the Lloyd's botanical collection between 12-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. No reservations required.

The Lloyd Library and Museum is located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Free and open to the public. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of the month. For more information, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707, email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.







