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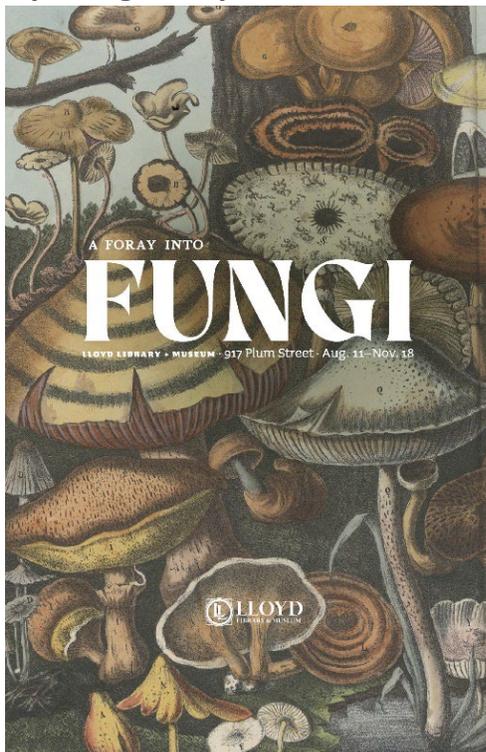
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### **Lloyd Library Makes a Foray into Fungi** **August 11-November 18**

With networks that form the largest organisms on the planet, fungi are big. Really big. This fall, go deep into the world of fungi with the Lloyd Library & Museum through five centuries of study and exploration. The Lloyd's exhibition, *A Foray into Fungi*, takes visitors on their own foray into science, medicine, and the many relationships between fungi and humanity itself. Like the vast and mysterious networks of mycorrhizae, *A Foray into Fungi* branches out and connects culinary, medicinal, and cultural uses of organisms made up not only of familiar mushrooms, but a stunning kaleidoscope of color, texture, and form. Alongside the exhibition, the Lloyd rolls out a season-long program series complete with speakers, a nature hike, and a documentary screening.

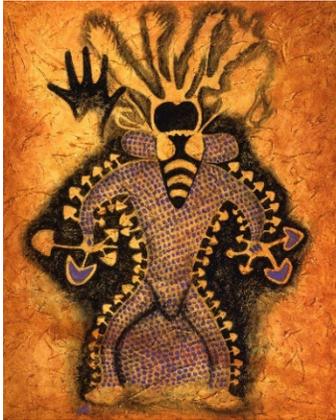
#### **Opening Reception**



Friday, August 11, 5-7 p.m.  
Lloyd Library & Museum  
Light refreshments

*A Foray into Fungi* showcases the wonders of the kingdom of fungi through a rich collection of rare books, photography, dried specimens, and multimedia representations. Beginning in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the exhibition traces the development of disciplines as diverse as mycology, ethnobotany, and natural history. Highlights include the first published image of the famous agaric mushroom that inspired *Alice in Wonderland*, and an 1827 French publication with illustrations full of rich, color-saturated, almost psychedelic mushrooms. Works by avid mycologist and Lloyd Library co-founder Curtis Gates Lloyd join those of Mazatec shaman María Sabina and others in this multifaceted journey.

## Programs



### **The Fungus about Us: Our Lifelong Relationship with Yeasts, Molds, and Mushrooms**

September 6, 7-8 p.m.

In-Person at the Lloyd Library

Mycologist Nicholas Money provides a guided tour of a marvelous unseen realm describing how our immune systems are engaged in continuous conversation with the teeming mycobiome inside the body and how we can fall prey to serious and even life-threatening infections when this peaceful coexistence is disturbed. He also sheds light on our complicated relationship with fungi outside the body, from wild mushrooms and cultivated molds that have been staples of the human diet for millennia to the controversial experimentation with magic mushrooms in the treatment of depression. *Image credit: "Mushroom Man," by California artist Laura Tryon based on a Neolithic rock carving from North Africa.*

Nicholas Money is an Anglo-American biologist, author, and Western Program Director and Professor of Biology at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is an expert on fungal biology and has authored a dozen popular science books that celebrate the microbial world. His website is <https://www.themycologist.com/>.

### **Registration Required.**



Photo: Susan Hornyak

### **Cooking with Mushrooms**

September 27, 7-9 p.m.

Virtual Program

Join us as we learn the secrets of cooking with mushrooms from renowned author and avid mycophagist Eugenia Bone.

Eugenia Bone is an internationally known food and science writer whose works have appeared in anthologies, magazines, and newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *The National Lampoon*, *Saveur*, *Gourmet*, *BBC Science*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. An author of eight books, her latest, *The Fantastic Fungi Community Cookbook* (2021), features 100 recipes from over 50 mushroom-philies. Bone appeared in the hit documentary *Fantastic Fungi* and an episode of Netflix's *Waffles + Mochi*. She is also a member of the American Society of Science Writers, a past president of the New York Mycological Society, and is the founder of Slow Food Western Slope in Colorado. Currently, Bone is a faculty member of the New York Botanical Garden where she teaches classes on mycophagy and psychedelic mushrooms. [\*\*Registration Required.\*\*](#)

**Looking for More about Fungi? Visit the Lloyd's YouTube Channel!**



The Secret Lives of Fungi



Negotiating the Fungus Fad: Gender and Mycological Work in the Era of...

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**Watch for more programs in October and November on wild mushrooms, mycological history, fungi-based drug research, and psilocybin and the brain.**

Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Lloyd is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of the month. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email [contact@lloydlibrary.org](mailto:contact@lloydlibrary.org) or visit [LloydLibrary.org](http://LloydLibrary.org).

