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**Meet Renowned Book Artist Ed Hutchins at the Main Library (May 4)  
& Hyde Park Branch (May 3)**  
***Design/Construct/Engage* Exhibits Inventive Messages Through  
Bookmaking at the Main Library (through May 23)**

Design/Construct/Engage, an exhibition of handmade books by Edward H. Hutchins, demonstrates how paper animation, inventive structures, unusual folds, unexpected materials, and imaginative design can be used to deliver a message in a book format. Hutchins approaches bookmaking as a unique opportunity to reshape common object books. "Heaven knows I've tried to make conventional books," he explains, "but every time I start illustrations pop off the page, pages unfold like origami and type takes three-dimensional shape. Since I don't have a traditional printing press, I have turned to non-traditional methods of printing such as carved erasers, cast images and flash-bulb stencils. In the end every book has its share of pop-ups, pockets, folds, tucks and pivots; and the pages spring away from the spine to take on a life of their own."

Among the 60 books to be exhibited through May 23 at the Main Library in the Art & Music Department will be: *Flights of Fancy*, designed by using over 60 stencils; *El taco de ojo (Easy on the Eye)*, a cardboard taco shell filled with seven foamy pages shaped as food with sayings about food, hunger and desire in both Spanish and English; and *New York City Transit*, tourist postcards cut out and assembled so when expanded it creates a diorama of major Manhattan landmarks.

Hutchins was born in Arizona, studied at the Center for Book Arts in New York City and now lives in Mt. Vernon, New York. For the uniqueness of his art, Hutchins credits his experiences as door-to-door egg vendor, soda jerk, silk screener, rodeo official, infantry soldier, graphic designer, clown, company president, tour guide, tax

clerk, and teacher. Hutchins has exhibited in group shows in the United States, England, Canada and Mexico; has had solo shows at Harvard University, UCLA, Long Island University, Chicago Center for Book and Paper Arts, and the Small Press Center in New York City; and was the founder of the Book Arts Jamboree and the director in 1998 and 1999.

**MEET BOOK ARTIST ED HUTCHINS AT:  
Hyde Park Branch Library - Saturday, May 3**

*Make Pictures That Move* - 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ages 9-12. Free, but preregistration is required, call 513-369-4456.

**An Action Pop-Up Book** - Let's create an action storybook with pictures that move and pop-up in unexpected ways. We'll start simple and work our way up to more dramatic folds and constructions. Before we're finished heads will wiggle, houses will float above the page, pictures will change, objects will fly across the page, and maybe even a ghost will appear. It's easy and when you are finished you'll have a great book to show your friends!

**Main Library - Sunday, May 4**

*Design. Construct. Engage.* - Exhibit and lecture - 2:00 p.m. Room 3A, third floor. free

**The Unfolding Nature of Books** - How does a professional drifter from Arizona end up as a book artist and proprietor of Editions, a studio for producing artist books? Come and learn how the book arts have unfolded in one artist's life; how an editioned artist book unfolds from idea, through production, to final product; and finally, how folding and unfolding can be used to deliver the message in a book format. See a single sheet of paper transform before your eyes into a 56-page book with a pop-up, foldout panels, and a box to hold all the connected parts. After the slide presentation examine and manipulate some of the books discussed.

*Both programs are sponsored by the Library Programs Fund.*

**Cincinnati Book Arts Society Exhibits Bookworks 4 at Main Library**

**The Cincinnati Book Arts Society** will present its fourth annual exhibit at the Main Library from April 27 through May 31. The exhibit will feature some of the finest of traditional and contemporary bookworks made by artists from around the Cincinnati area. An **opening reception** will be held on **Sunday, April 27**, at the Main Library from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** This year's visiting artist and guest speaker will be book artist Ed Hutchins, whose delightful editions are on display in the Art & Music Department.

✓ **Information about the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**