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Public Library Hosts *The Book of Origins: A Survey of American Fine Binding*

Exhibit on View Through August 15; Related Programs in Early August

The art and craft of American fine bookbinding are alive at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. *The Book of Origins: A Survey of American Fine Binding*, an exhibit of American fine bookbinding, will be on display through August 15 in the Atrium of the Main Library (800 Vine Street).

The traveling exhibit features 20 contemporary fine bindings by 10 American binders—a group that includes established masters and gifted emerging artists both committed to presenting and teaching about the craft and art of fine binding.

The Book of Origins: A Survey of American Fine Binding itself stems from the international set binding exhibition, *The Book of Origins*. This bilingual letterpress text tells the creation story of the Huron people in French and in English through expressive typography and original lithographs. Each one of the 10 American artists created one of his or her bindings in response to the text they experienced in *The Book of Origins*.

Handmade Books at the Main Library

In conjunction with the exhibit *The Book of Origins: A Survey of American Fine Binding*, on view in the Main Library Atrium through August 15, the Main Library will offer the public two opportunities to learn the art of handmade books with local bookbinder and artist Gabrielle Fox.

Hands-on Bookmaking Workshop for Kids Ages 6-12

Main Library (800 Vine Street), Children's Learning Center (First Floor North Building)
Wednesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m.

Bookbinding Demonstration for Adults

See how books are made through intricate and decorative hand binding techniques.
Main Library (800 Vine Street), Reading Garden Lounge (First Floor, South Building)
Sunday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m.

✓ To learn more about *The Book of Origins: A Survey of American Fine Binding* visit <http://library.syr.edu/digital/exhibits/b/bookoforigins/>.

✓ To learn more about the Library's programs visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

✓ Our goal is to make programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services at least one week in advance at (513) 369-4400.