

ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS TRAVELLING EXHIBITION PROGRAM

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# THE BOOK ARTS Exhibition Launch

**The Book Arts** is a travelling exhibition that will tour Alberta for two years, focused on aspects of the art of the book including book binding, fine press, paper making, illustration and a selection of artists' books by 17 artists from across Western Canada. Please join us for a special exhibition launch at Medicine Hat Public Library, Sunday, Sept. 20 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Artists will be in attendance. The event will cap an event-filled celebration of Alberta Arts Days in Medicine Hat.

**The Book Arts** explores books as objects of beauty, personal expression and curiosity, and celebrates the imagination, inventiveness and skill of the artists who produce them. The show features 30 examples of work by artists from across Alberta as well as from Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Many of the artists are members of the Calgary and Edmonton chapters of the Canadian Book Binders and Book Artists Guild.

Exhibition Curator Dean Tatam Reeves notes that **The Book Arts** exhibition was inspired by the important work of community libraries that provide public access to Alberta art. The current exhibition at Medicine Hat Public Library is one of many TRES shows on display at public libraries across southern Alberta in September, in the communities of Brooks, Hanna, Foremost, Taber, Stettler, Drumheller and Vauxhall.

**The Book Arts** was developed with the assistance of Arts on Atlantic Gallery, Calgary, and the Canadian Book Artists and Book Binders Guild (CBBAG), Calgary Chapter. The exhibition was produced by the Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre in Medicine Hat for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program (TRES), southeast region.

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Launch: Sunday, Sept. 20, from 2 – 3:30 pm

Exhibition dates: Sept. 18- 27, 2009

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