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FIRST ANNUAL BOOK AND PRINT ARTS SHOW FOR THE SOYBEAN PRESS TO TAKE PLACE AT INDI GO

Local print and book artists will be displaying and selling some of their work in cooperation with The Soybean Press on March 31st from 12-5pm at indi go Artist Co-Op. This is The Soybean Press' first annual show. Come see some innovating and inspiring art work from the CU community.

The Soybean Press is a cooperative effort of The Rare Book & Manuscript Library, The School of Art + Design, and The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign). Founded in 2007, The Soybean Press works through classes, workshops, and seminars to expand awareness and knowledge of printing and bookmaking, with particular emphasis on the teaching and promotion of letterpress printing. Central to our work are collaborative projects within the university and with artists and printers of national and international status.

We teach the traditional art of printing, while incorporating digital technology and other contemporary approaches to print-making and printing, an approach that leads to innovative new forms and formats. We work on iron hand presses, mid-century letterpresses, and with a variety of print techniques. What we print is as important as how we print. Collaborative productions with such authors as Audrey Niffenegger (*The Time Traveller's Wife*) and W.S. Merwin (poet laureate of the U.S.) bestow an originality, vivacity and immediacy to the work of the Soybean Press. We have also partnered with the Combat Paper Initiative to print reflective work by returning veterans.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

Visit The Soybean Press website! <http://www.library.illinois.edu/rbx/Soybean/>

indi go Artist Co-Op was opened in April 2009 under the belief that "Visual Space Has Essentially No Owner". It operates as a gallery, music venue, and performance space for artists, musicians, and performers in the Champaign-Urbana area. For more information please visit indi-go-art.com.