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The Palm Springs Public Library & the Palm Springs Art Museum Continue Their Partnership; will present 'The Journey 2nd Annual Altered Book Art Project' to the Community!

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Building on the success of last year's event, the **Palm Springs Public Library** (Library) and the **Palm Springs Art Museum** (Art Museum) are continuing their partnership and will present a new exhibit of Altered Book Art pieces as part of '**The Journey—2nd Annual Altered Book Art Project**' that will debut during *National Library Week* in April 2008.

Twenty-one locally and nationally known artists have been invited to participate this year, they will create works of art from books, videos, DVDS and CDs 'weeded' out of the Library's collection. This year's event will begin with the artists selecting materials at the Library in early October 2007. Artists will choose materials from every medium and on any topic and genre imaginable that have been taken out of circulation due to condition or multiple copies beyond demand. The artists will then spend the following four months creating one-of-a-kind art pieces from the materials they selected. During this time a provenance on each piece will be documented, as well as the artist's process of transformation from a book, video, DVD or CD to a piece of art.

Half of the art will be unveiled at a special public reception at the Library to kick off *National Library Week* on Sunday, April 13, 2008 and the other half will be exhibited at the Art Museum beginning the week of Saturday, April 19, 2008; all pieces will be on display until Saturday May 10th. Special events and programming will also be offered to the community from both the Art Museum and Library in conjunction with the exhibit. On the final day of the exhibit all of the art pieces will be moved to the Art Museum and be auctioned off at a Silent Auction held at the Art Museum as part of the 'Spring Fling Community Day' on Saturday, May 10th. All proceeds will equally benefit the Library and the Art Museum.

"Partnering with the Art Museum for a second Altered Art Project is a delight. Last year's project using books was so successful in demonstrating the inspiration from the written word to created art, that, this time we are eager to see the wonderful visual art made from media items as well as books. The Palm Springs Public Library is proud to be a part this ongoing partnership with the Art Museum," said Barbara Roberts, Director of Library Services at the Library.

"One of the most appealing aspects of this collaborative project with the Public Library is watching the participating artists use their talent and process to reinterpret the books into other works of art," added Palm Springs Art Museum Director of Education Robert Brasier. " Last year we saw entries ranging from sculpture to framed wall art, all using the books as their material source. The Palm Springs Art Museum is delighted to work with the Public Library to show that art can be created from any object and the these materials can have new lives as works of art."

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.332.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

The City of Palm Springs has a wonderful history of valuing library services. As far back as 1919, well before incorporation, the residents had established a public library in a small adobe building. As the village grew, the citizens followed the library through more than 12 different locations. With over 152,000 individual items, the Palm Springs Public Library has the largest collection in the Valley. The Library is located at 300 S. Sunrise Way, on the corner of Sunrise Way and Baristo Road, one of the anchors of Sunrise Park and a destination for residents and visitors alike. For more information call 760-322-READ or log on to www.palmspringslibrary.org.

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