

PALM SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

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The Palm Springs Public Library & the Palm Springs Art Museum unveil the pieces for 'The 2nd Annual Altered Book Art Project: The Journey' at the Library

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April 1, 2008 -- Together, **Palm Springs Public Library** (Library) and the **Palm Springs Art Museum** (Art Museum) are pleased to announce the upcoming **National Library Week** unveiling of ***The 2nd Annual Altered Book Art Project: The Journey***. The unveiling will take place on **Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Library** with all the artists in attendance. Two of the participating artists, Robert Dunahay and Michele Jamieson, will give a short presentation discussing their process and experience. Refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

Twenty-one locally and nationally known artists participated and created one-of-a-kind works of art from books, videos, DVDS and CDs 'weeded' out of the Library's collection. Half of the art will be unveiled at this special public unveiling reception at the Library. 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 Thursday, May 8th then all pieces will be moved to the Art Museum in preparation of the final event, the **Silent Auction**. On **Saturday May 10th**, as part of the "Spring Fling Community Day" at the Art Museum the art pieces will be auctioned off from **3:00—5:00 p.m. in Zone 101 in the Hoover Gallery**. All proceeds will equally benefit the Library and the Art Museum. Other special programming will be offered to the community during the weeks of the exhibition, from both the Art Museum and Library; these programs will be announced at the unveiling reception on Sunday, April 13th.

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the 125,000 square foot Palm Springs Art Museum is located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building. The Art Museum features exciting contemporary exhibitions in 28 galleries, two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, a trendy store with unique items, a locally popular café and diverse performances in the 433-seat

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 noon to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5.00 for children 6 to 17, students, and active-duty military with I.D. and free to children under 6. For more information, call 760.325.7186.

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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