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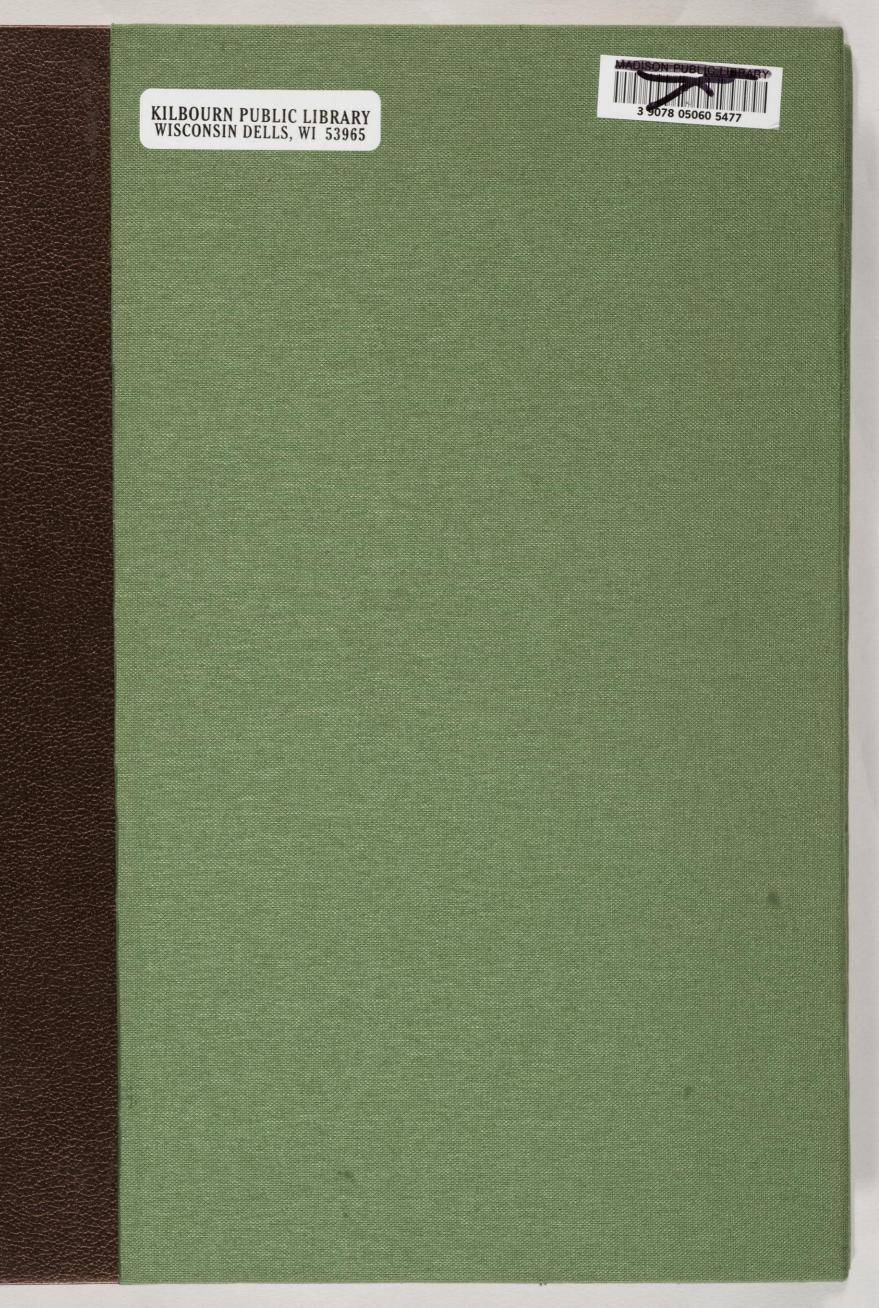
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The Sixty Books Project is a collaborative book arts, writing and journaling project for the people of south central Wisconsin, hosted by the South Central Library System (SCLS), and produced by the Bone Folders' Guild (BFG), a book arts group based in Madison. This project is supported by a Madison CitiARTS grant.

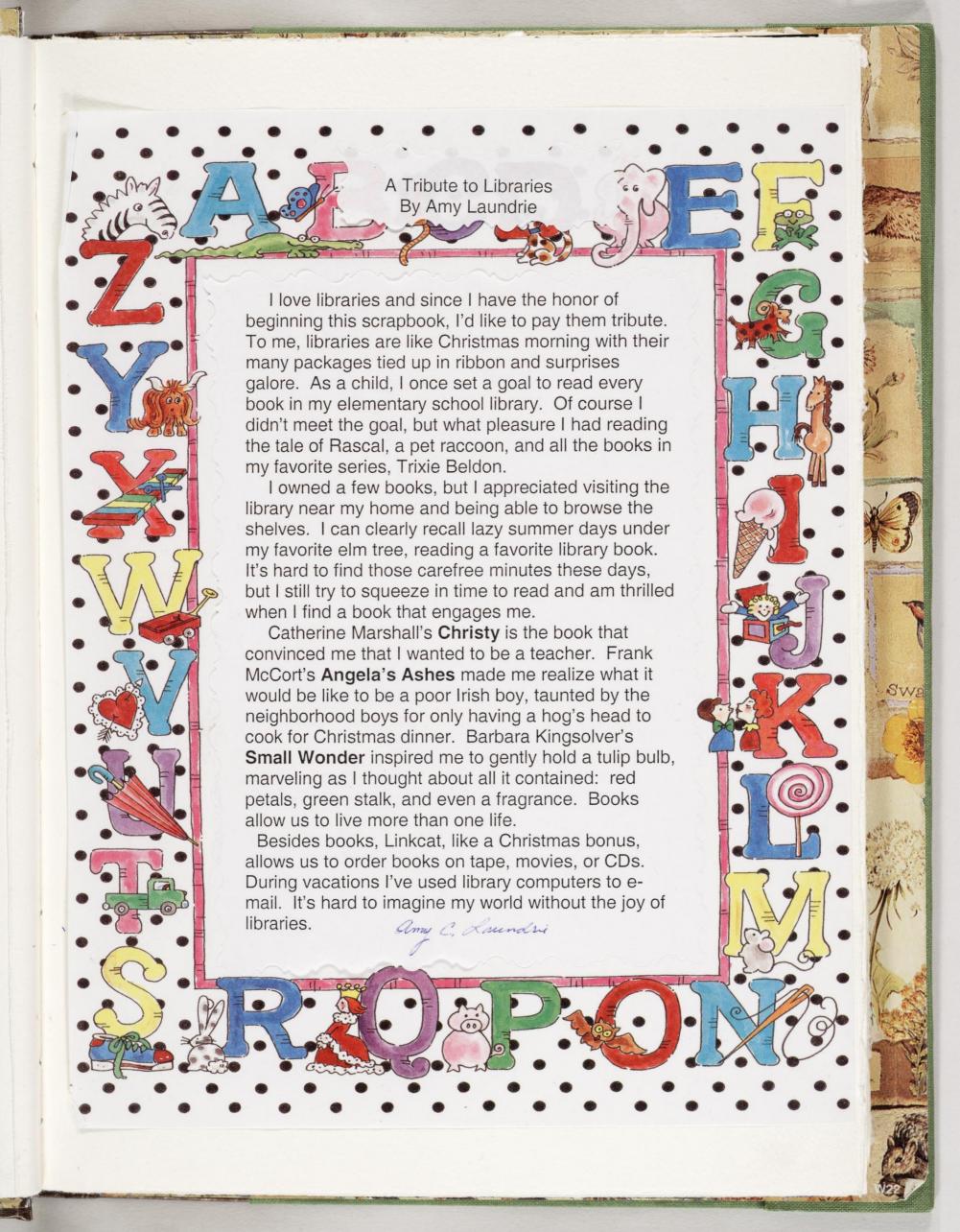
The BFG book artists have created sixty hand made blank books. One of these books will be catalogued into each of the sixty libraries in the South Central Library System. Unlike other library books, patrons are invited to write, draw, paint or collage in the books. Subsequent patrons will add their own stories, drawings, and so forth, creating community-wide collaborative works of art. After the launch of the project these books will be available for checkout by library patrons until August 15, 2006.

At the close of the circulation period, the 60 books will be removed from the SCLS collections and brought together for a traveling exhibit. This exhibit will have its debut in Madison as part of the Fifth Annual Wisconsin Book Festival (October 18-22, 2006).

To contact us: www.valleyridgeartstudio.com/bone_folders/

Instructions

- Check out this book as you would any other library book for a two-week period. Be sure to return it in the protective wrapper provided.
- Write a poem. Make a journal entry. Write political thoughts. Compose a short story. Collage. Paint a page. Be creative.
- Be respectful of these books. They are hand bound and bear delicate musings on the pages.
- Be aware of what has been done on the other side of the page that you are working on. For example, don't "sew" onto someone else's work.
- When you are gluing or painting put a piece of wax paper under the page you are working on. This will protect the other pages of created art.
- Before closing the book, be sure your page is dry.
- · We encourage you to sign and date your work.
- · Please, no perishables on the pages.
- Be advised that SCLS and BFG reserve the right to remove and/or delete any questionable material. Please be nice.
- Warning: You will incur a \$125.00 library fine if this book is not returned!





Books

By Gisela R. Hamm

If eyes mirror our souls
Books mirror our humanity.
Taking us back in time
To the reign of kings,
Deepening our understanding
Of complex things,
They summarize all we know.

Books fill my bookshelf
And my imagination.
Those not yet read,
Are on the table
Near my bed,
And piled high, on the floor.

I savor the adventure,
Whether fiction
Or the real life story.
Held in my hands, the book
Becomes my companion,
My friend.
I turn the pages,
Not wanting it to end.

But I know, that another

Awaits my pleasure.

I need only seek it out.

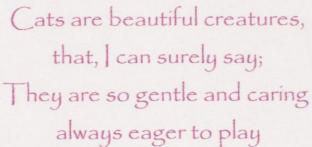








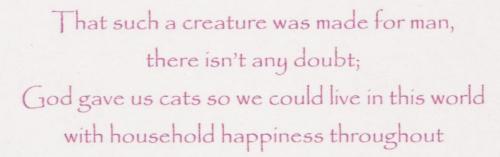






Their companionship is always welcome, wherever they may live;

They always make you happy with the affection that they give





















If yellow is your favorite color: Yellow is luminous and warm, and so are the people who prefer it. It sparkles with optimism and activity. Yellow people are very original, imaginative, idealistic creative, artistic, often spiritual, and highly intuitive. They thrive on novelty and challenge and have inquiring minds. They are reliable friends and contidents and usually have sunny dispositions—how could they not? Their sense of curiosity is often rewarded with accomplishments. Lovers of yellow are often perfectionists, but their sense of joy can override their perfectionist tendencies.

Colors for Your Every Mood by Leatrice Eiseman





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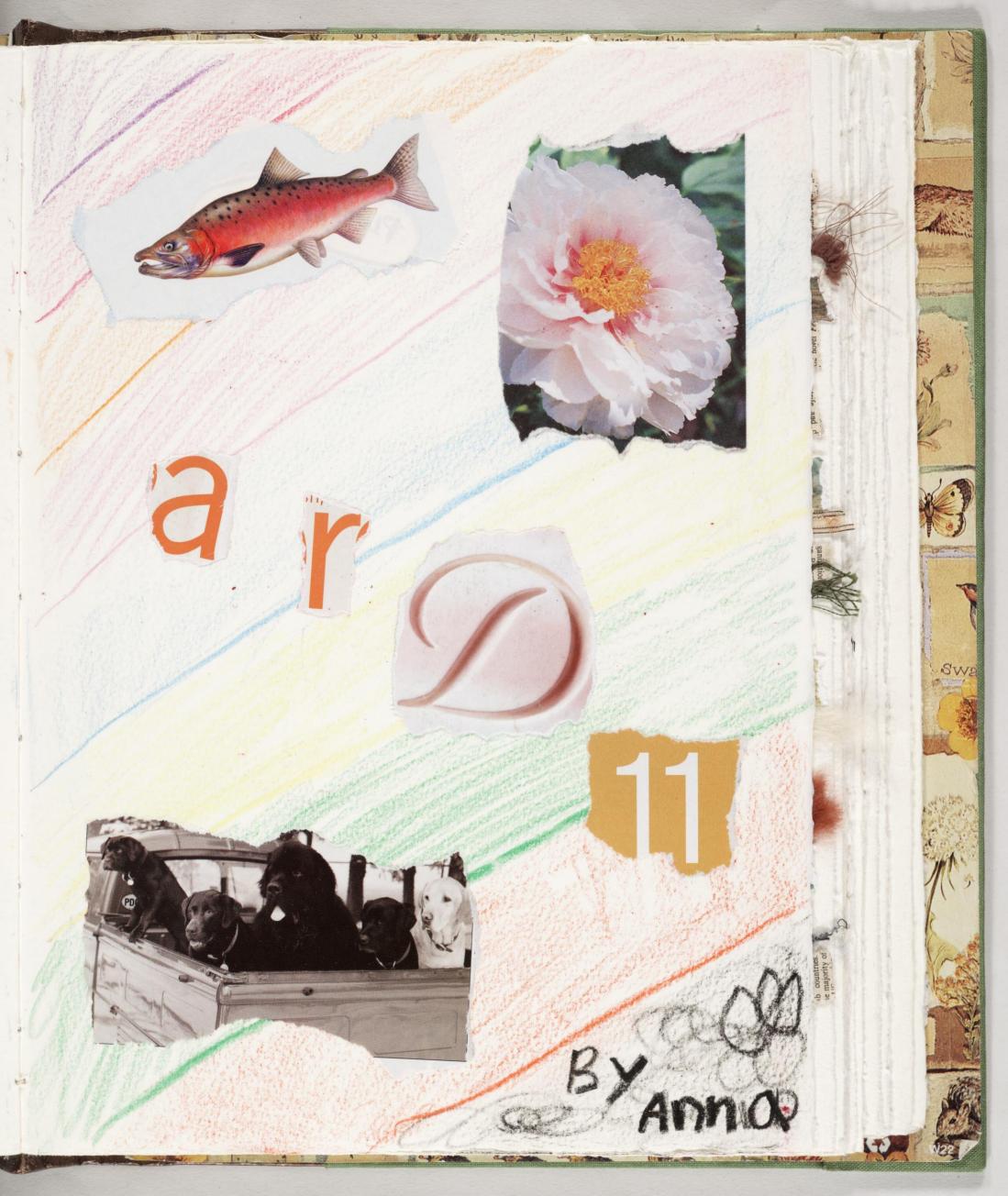
Have you ever watched kids On a merry-go-round? Or listened to the rain Slapping on the ground? Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed at the sun into the fading night? You better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last. Do you run through each day On the fly? When you ask How are you? Do you hear the reply? When the day is done Do you lie in your bed With the next hundred chores Running through your head? You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last. Ever told your child, We'll do it tomorrow? And in your haste, Not see his sorrow? Ever lost touch, Let a good friendship die Cause you never had time To call and say, hi You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last. When you run so fast to get somewhere You miss half the fun of getting there. When you worry and hurry through your day, It is like an unopened gift... Thrown away. Life is not a race. Do take it slower

Hear the music

Before the song is over.

This poem was written by a girl with cancer. She has six months left to live, and as her dying wish, she wanted to send a letter telling everyone to live their life to the fullest, since she never will.









ORANGE BOY -1998-2006-

'Til We Meet Again
I Love You so Much!

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Thirty-Sixth Poem for Alison by Jim Danky Books Zines, and callyraphs by d. browde

Thanks to Paul Voigts for his generosity and ingenuity in helping this novice bookbinder – from applying glue, to picking colors, to making holes through the spine for binding. Paul's curiosity and desire to learn serves him well as he is an artist in his own right, from jewelry to origami, and various other mediums. Also, thanks Mom!

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of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to
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of grievances.

Sincerely

Alexis Turner



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