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**[UN]BOUND: PUBLIC LIBRARY BRINGS THE ATHENAEUM'S
ARTISTS BOOKS TO NEW AUDIENCES**
Works by 36 San Diego-Area Artists to be Featured

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library is pleased to partner with the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library in the presentation of *[UN]BOUND: Artists' Books from the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library*. In 25 years of collecting, the Athenaeum's artists' book collection has grown into an important resource for artists, researchers, and presses. While portions of the collection are continually displayed for visitors in the Athenaeum's North Reading Room and are also available for use by appointment, this exhibition provides unprecedented access to over 50 books by 36 artists who have lived in San Diego. *[UN]BOUND* opens January 31, 2015 in the Art Gallery on the 9th Floor of the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. It will run through April 26. A reception for the participating artists is planned on opening day from 12 to 2 p.m. The exhibition and reception are open to the public and admission is free.

Not limited to any particular artistic movement, but established as a medium, artists' books are often so diverse that they are challenging to define. The books selected for this exhibition reflect that diversity and creativity. Included are the conceptual books of the late 1960s to 1970s that brought artists' books to the attention of the established art world as well as unique-books, fine press limited editions, and book-objects. The San Diego artists featured often push the form, employ a wide assortment of materials and methods of bookbinding, and explore varied subjects from the personal to the public.

Through the outstanding collection of the Athenaeum, *[UN]BOUND* offers a unique opportunity to discover the book as both object and idea in the hands of San Diego artists.

Curated by Kara West, the Library's Arts and Culture Exhibition Manager, and featuring books from the Athenaeum's Erika and Fred Torri Artists' Books Collection, artists include David Adey, Ida Applebroog, John Baldessari, Adam Belt, Michele Burgess, Michele Burgess/Bill Kelly /James Renner/Jane Tassi, Judy Christensen, Tom Driscoll, Melissa Elliott, Faiya Fredman, David Fobes, Raul Guerrero, Jim Jahn, Allan Kaprow, Bill Kelly, Wendell M. Kling, Mary Ellen Long, Jim Machacek, Kathy Miller, Zandra Rhodes, Al Rodríguez, Derli Romero/Sonya Devine/Melissa Smedley/Ante Marinovic, Sara Rosenbluth, Jerome Rothenberg/Eleanor Antin, Sibyl Rubottom, Genie Shenk, Joyce Cutler-Shaw, Phel Steinmetz/Esther Barath, Harry Sternberg, and Claire Van Vliet.

Coinciding with the exhibition, Judy Christensen of the San Diego Book Arts group will be offering a series of free book arts workshops in the Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center at the Central Library. Topics include:

- **Stab Binding: The Long and Short of It**
Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 5 p.m.
- **Whatcha Mean Whatza Zine? – FOR TEENS ONLY**
Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 4 p.m.
- **One Page Wonders**
Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 5 p.m.
- **Six Word Memoir**
Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is required by emailing onview@sandiego.gov.

About the San Diego Public Library's Exhibition Program

This program allows free access to cultural exhibitions and the visual arts, while promoting San Diego artists and creative community groups.

Additional information on current exhibitions at the Central Library and 35 branch libraries is available on the Library's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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