Celebrate our region’s active arts community of book and paper innovators and our magnificent library and museum collections of fine and rare books. Join artists and book lovers to learn about our rich local resources and the exciting world of contemporary book and paper arts.

Visit local venues where printmakers, paper sculptors, conservators, and bookbinders are exploring, creating, preserving, and exhibiting works that use some of humankind’s greatest technologies: books and paper. Featured events include lectures, tours, demonstrations, and exhibits, but you can use our online calendar to design your own itinerary.

Most events occur in October but pre- and post-Octavofest offerings occur in September and November throughout Northeast Ohio in locations from Oberlin to Akron.

**International Keynote Speaker**

Our featured guest for Octavofest 2016 is Rickey Tax, Head Librarian and Acting Director of Museum Meermanno, the Dutch Museum of the Book. Established in 1848, the Meermanno in The Hague, The Netherlands, is the oldest book museum in the world.

**Founding Members of Octavofest**

Art Books Cleveland; Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library; Michael Schwartz Library at Cleveland State University; and Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory & Educational Foundation.

The OCTAVO is a traditional book format that refers to the size for pages used in the printing of early books in which a large sheet of paper or parchment is folded three times to produce eight leaves. Today octavo format books include many rare, valuable, and beautiful objects.

Octavofest has been organized and supported annually since 2009 by its participating partners.

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Check the online calendar often for the latest events and for more program information.
Keynote Speaker

Rickey Tax holds an art history M.A. from the University of Amsterdam. He has been at the Meermanno since 2002, curating its collection of materials produced after 1850. His scholarly specialty is Dutch typography. His presentations will help audiences consider — in international context — the history and future of books, their changing technologies, and their preservation as repositories of knowledge in a variety of settings and under changing circumstances of publication.

Presentations by Rickey Tax

Thursday, October 20
A Book Museum for the Modern World
Cleveland State University Michael Schwartz Library
1860 East 22nd Street, Rhodes Tower, Room 305
Cleveland
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  |  Free
Pre-Register by calling 216-875-9734

Saturday, October 22
Scholars and Sciologists: Four Centuries of Collecting for Museum Meermanno
The Rowfant Club
3028 Prospect Avenue
Cleveland
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  |  Free
Pre-Register by calling 216-526-2240 or via e-mail to carter_edman@yahoo.com

Tuesday, October 25
The Bookworm, the Eaglestone and the Esquire, or: How an Eccentric Collector’s House Grew into a National Book Museum
Oberlin College Library, Mudd Center
148 W. College Street
Oberlin
Time TBD  |  Free

Octavofest Sponsors & Participants

• Akron-Summit County Public Library
  http://www.akronlibrary.org/
• Cleveland Institute of Art, Gund Library
  http://www.cia.edu/
• Cleveland Museum of Natural History
  https://www.ccmnh.org/c-r/library
• Cleveland Public Library/Ohio Center for the Book
  (See online calendar for events at individual branches)
  http://cpl.org/
• Cuyahoga County Public Library, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch
  http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/
• Dittrick Museum of Medical History, Case Western Reserve University
  http://artsci.case.edu/dittrick/museum/
• Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County
  http://www.cesc-cc.org/
• The Galleries at CSU
  https://www.csuohio.edu/class/art-gallery/art-gallery
• Global Ties Akron
  http://www.globaltiesakron.org/
• Heights Library (and branches)
  http://www.heightslibrary.org
• Ingalls Library, Cleveland Museum of Art
  http://library.clevelandart.org/
• Interlibrary Conservation Association (ICA)
  http://www.ica-artconservation.org/
• Kelvin Smith Library, Case Western Reserve
  http://library.case.edu/ks1/
• Loganberry Books
  http://www.loganberrybooks.com/
• Michael Schwartz Library, Cleveland State University
  http://library.csuohio.edu/
• Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation
  http://www.morganconservatory.org/home
• Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS)
  http://nob.nobsweb.org/
• Notre Dame College, Performing Arts Center
  http://www.notredamecollege.edu/student-life/performing-arts
• Oberlin College Library
  http://www.oberlin.edu/library/
• Rocky River Public Library
  http://rrpl.org/
• The Rowfant Club
  http://rowfant.org/
• Shaker Heights Public Library
  http://shakerlibrary.org/

Meet book and paper artists at work during October at WatchART! events at these sites:

• Notre Dame Performing Arts Center on the 8th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
• Cleveland State University, Main Classroom 1st floor lobby on the 13th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
• Sterling Branch, Cleveland Public Library on the 15th from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Peruse contemporary book and paper art by Art Books Cleveland members on exhibit at these sites:

• Annex Gallery, Loganberry Books from October 5 to October 29
• Notre Dame College, Performing Arts Center Gallery from October 6 to October 28
• Shaker Heights Public Library (main branch) during October
• Galleries at Cleveland State University (lobby) from October 1 through October 31

Explore superb examples of historical book art at Octavofest in the Circle on October 19, 5-7 pm, in special collections at:

• Clark Library
• Dittrick Museum of Medical History
• Gund Library
• Ingalls Library
• Kelvin Smith Library

Please consult online calendar for complete event information

http://www.octavofest.org/