

A Day of Branch Asian Books

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Octavofest Keynote Event for 2018

Part 1 - 11am-12:30 pm

Jim Canary, Tibetan scholar and book conservator at Indiana University, presents an illustrated talk on the history of books in Asia, the challenges of conserving ancient documents, and modern efforts to preserve and revitalize the traditions of book- and paper-making.

Part 2 - 2 pm-4 pm

Jim Canary continues his program by demonstrating printing techniques with 100-year-old carved woodblocks. Audience members can see and handle samples of handmade Tibetan paper and copies of books in various styles, then participate by trying out the techniques themselves with hands-on guidance. Demos and printing will be taking place every 30 minutes.

Jim Canary, an internationally respected specialist in Asian book forms, has worked for nearly thirty years at the Lilly Rare Books Library, home to 450,000 books and 7.5 million manuscripts. He is a member of the Guild of Bookworkers, and a key member of Paper Road/Tibet, a project that aims to research the history and revitalize the tradition of hand paper-making in Tibet, and encourage and introduce new methods of recycling clean wastepaper and alternative fibers.



These events are free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.