

THE CENTER FOR BOOK ARTS

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WHAT

Neighborhood Book Arts Project is an cost effective “mobile bookmaking workshop” targeted at children and teens, aged 8-18, living in New York City’s five boroughs. Through a series of structured, hands-on exercises tailored to each neighborhood and organization, teaching artists encourage students of all levels of artistic development to unleash their creative expression through the practice of bookmaking.

WHO

The Center for Book Arts. Founded in 1974 and still located in New York City, the Center for Book Arts is dedicated to exploring and cultivating contemporary aesthetic interpretations of the book as an art object while preserving the traditional practices of the art of the book. The Center for Book Arts engages a wide audience, providing beginning students and professional artists alike with a comprehensive and technically challenging curriculum.

WHERE AND WHEN

Established in 2016, The Neighborhood Book Arts Project brings the Center’s 40+ years of bookmaking instruction to your neighborhood and community organization. We work with each host organization to provide the best workshop given your local needs. Topics, time, and place for each 1-hour to 2-hour workshop can all be customized.

WHY

We want to encourage all of New York City’s children and teens area to explore the fun of bookmaking. By teaching basic bookmaking techniques, we hope to foster a whole new generation of New York City artists!

FAQs

Who can take the class?
Children and teens aged 8-18.

How many people can take the class?
1-15 people.

How much does a NBAP workshop cost?
\$350 per group for a two-hour session. Financial assistance is available for qualified organizations.

How long is a NBAP class?
Depending on each organization’s needs, a class can last from 1 to 2 hours.

What kinds of books will be made?
Pop-up, accordion, Japanese binding, and pamphlet make up the core of our workshops. We work with your organization to create an engaging, relevant class!

Do we need to provide anything?
No. The Center will provide host organizations with all materials needed for the class. Each NBAP participant will receive a bookmaking kit filled with materials that can be used to make more books at home!

Interested in more information on the
Neighborhood Book Arts Project? Contact us at
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