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Lloyd Library and Museum Partners with the Art Academy of Cincinnati for First Exhibition of 2005



The Lloyd Library and Museum proudly announces its first exhibition of 2005 presented in collaboration with the Art Academy of Cincinnati, **DESIGN + NATURE: An exhibition of botanical and nature-based work by students and faculty of the Art Academy of Cincinnati.** The student works on exhibit are developed from a cross-disciplinary studio/academic course built around the concept of visual design problem-solving with nature as a source and resource. Instructors Mark Thomas and Gary Gaffney contribute works to the show. The exhibit will run from January 10 through February 19, 2005. Opening reception is Sunday, January 16 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lloyd Library.

Since its successful collaboration with local artists Susan Brumm and Diane Stemper to display the artists book exhibit *Mining the Lloyd* in 2003-04, the Lloyd Library has been working to position itself as a new venue for exhibits of interest to the arts community as well as the general public. The **DESIGN + NATURE** exhibit exemplifies a perfect pairing of subject matter and institutional partnership. The display of visual design projects that incorporate nature as a source and resource in one of the premier scientific, botanical, and natural history research libraries is more than appropriate, it is inspired. For more information about the **Lloyd Library and Museum**, see below.

The [Lloyd Library and Museum](http://www.lloydlibrary.org), located at 917 Plum Street, downtown Cincinnati, is a local and regional treasure. The library was developed in the nineteenth century by the Lloyd Brothers-John Uri, Curtis Gates, and Nelson Ashley. Incorporated in 1898, its original purpose was to provide a reference and research facility for Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., one of the leading pharmaceutical companies of the period. A trust was established in 1919 to guarantee that the library would continue to fulfill its mission "to collect and maintain a library on botanical, medical, pharmaceutical, and scientific books and periodicals and works of allied sciences" into the future. The library's operations are still supported by that trust and today, the Lloyd Library and Museum is recognized worldwide by the scientific community as a vital research center. Housing hundreds of thousands of volumes on the subjects of pharmacy, botany, horticulture, herbal and alternative medicines, natural products, homeopathy, and eclectic medicine, the Lloyd maintains a vast collection of scientific texts-from the most current works to those that date back hundreds of years. Included in this rare book collection is an original copy of the ten-volume *Flora Greca* (1840) by John Sibthorp, an original copy of Elizabeth Blackwell's *A Curious Herbal* (1739), *Mesue Vulgare* (a 1493 "common book" of remedies), and an array of rare European texts from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The Lloyd also houses archival collections, including the papers of John Uri Lloyd, Curtis Gates Lloyd, Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., and the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. Free parking is available behind the library building. For more information about the Lloyd Library and Museum, please visit our website at www.lloydlibrary.org.