Virginia Humanities, Center for the Book
Book Arts Program
Coordinating Committee
May 9, 2023

Attending: Addeane Caelleigh, Janet Eden, Erica Goldfarb, Lyall Harris, Lotta Helleberg, Nancy Kober, Lana Lambert, Kevin McFadden, Garrett Queen

**Book Arts Program annual meeting, April 16.** The slate of members of the Coordinating Committee for 2023-2024 were nominated and approved by vote of the members present. Lana Lambert and Lotta Helleberg gave a presentation about the focus and general specifications of the 2023 annual members project. The project is named Rivanna Reconnaissance. The overall concept is a “field journal” created by researchers who study what is revealed as the Rivanna River flow diminishes and formerly underwater areas are exposed.

**Members project update.** Twelve people have formally signed up, and some others have expressed interest. Messages will be set out soon about two meetings for to discuss updates, explore ideas, and decide on next steps—Sunday, May 21, at 2:00pm; and Sunday, June 11, at 2:00pm. The announcement of these meetings will be sent to a wider list than those who have signed up or expressed interest.

**Upcoming classes.** The Bookbinding Core Course, scheduled for June 20-23, will be taught by Jane Freeman and Yolanda Merrill. Lyall Harris will teach “Introduction to Folded Structures” (which will cover content and structure) on July 1-2. The Letterpress Core Course will be taught by Lana Lambert and Garrett Queen on August 26-29. Later, but not yet scheduled, will be a class on Gelli plate printing.

The idea of teaching pressure printing is being explored, and a possible instructor has been identified. There are preliminary discussions about other ideas.

**Library’s How-To Festival.** We had to cancel our participation because of a family emergency for one of the members doing the demonstrations and the inability to re-organize and get other help at the last minute.

**Block Night Update.** It is being announced each week in Cville Weekly.

**Renovations.** The work is still on schedule and will probably be finished the first or second week in June.
Print Challenge. Nancy Kober would like feedback from committee members about some ideas for the print challenge. She will send a message to the members about these ideas.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 5:00-6:00.