



# ***Guild of Book Workers Standards of Excellence***

## **PHILADELPHIA October 24-26, 2019**

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*All tours are optional ~ pre-registration is required by October 1, 2019*

### **TOUR #1 :: FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA**

**9:00AM to 12:00PM, \$15** (tour limited to 25)

Visit the **Free Library of Philadelphia** in its grand Beaux-Arts building located in the cultural heart of the city! Tour participants will view the exhibition *Our Five Senses* and hear a gallery talk given by Chris Brown, Curator of Children's Literature (and GBW member). Other exhibits will be on display in the Library's Rare Book Department for guests to see. Following the gallery talk, participants will head to the Prints and Pictures Department and have the opportunity to see selections from the Library's artists' book collection on display and "up close" with curator Laura Stroffolino. A special exhibition on children's books by the GBW Delaware Valley Chapter will also be on view. Don't miss the chance to see this treasure of Philadelphia and walk through one of the city's historic and cultural neighborhoods!

**Please note that this is a walking tour!** The Free Library is less than a mile from the hotel—an approximate 20-minute walk one-way. Members of the local host committee will lead participants from the Loews Hotel to the Free Library and back, although participants may decide to stop for lunch on their own after the tour at one of the many restaurants along the way. Also, please note that the Barnes Foundation, one of Philadelphia's premiere museums, is directly across the street from the Free Library, and participants could complete their day with a visit to the museum after lunch. A large Whole Foods nearby offers multiple lunch options, including outposts of popular Philadelphia restaurants.

### **TOUR #2 :: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA - GOLDSTEIN FAMILY GALLERY, KISLAK CENTER for SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & the STEVEN MILLER CONSERVATION LABORATORY**

**1:30PM to 5:00PM, \$15** (tour limited to 30)

The Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts at the **University of Pennsylvania** holds more than 350,000 books and 15,000 linear feet of manuscripts in a wide range of disciplines and formats, from medieval manuscripts to 21<sup>st</sup> century artists' books, state-of-the-art meeting rooms and the gallery. It is also home to the Steven Miller Conservation Lab, UPenn's newly constructed conservation facility.

Join us for an in-depth tour of the exhibition *The Bibliophile as Bookbinder: The Angling Bindings of S.A. Neff, Jr.* currently on exhibit in the Goldstein Family Gallery. Mr. Neff, an autodidact by nature, transitioned from a career in graphic design to bookbinding in the early 1980s. His fine bindings have been exhibited in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Neff will give a talk about his bindings and the exhibit at the Kislak Center.

We will also visit the Steven Miller Conservation Lab, which opened in 2016. The lab is a core part of the Kislak Center's robust mandate to facilitate research using primary-source materials and is tasked with the long-term

care and stabilization of the Center's widely varied collections. In addition to performing stabilization treatment and creating protective housings, conservation staff works the exhibitions department to ensure the well being of the objects displayed throughout the Penn Libraries. Sarah Reidell, Head of Conservation, will be on hand to meet tour participants and talk about the work of the lab.

**Please note that this is a walking and local transit system tour!** Participants will travel from the Loews Hotel to UPenn via the subway. Members of the local host committee will lead participants from the hotel to the tour destination and back. A SEPTA day pass will be provided to each participant and is included in the tour cost.

### **TOUR #3 :: CHARLES LIBRARY at TEMPLE UNIVERSITY & THE WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE**

**1:30PM to 5:00PM, \$20** (tour limited to 23)

Participants will visit **Temple University's** newly constructed Charles Library, designed by world-renowned architectural firm Snøhetta. The library is envisioned as an example of 21<sup>st</sup> century thinking of what a university library can be! Snøhetta's design "challenges the traditional typology of the research library solely as a repository for books and archives, and instead provides a diversity of spaces that will spark chance encounters, enable collaboration, and encourage knowledge-sharing amongst its users." Kimberly Tully, Curator of Rare Books, will meet with tour participants to show some of these innovative library features and view items from Temple's extensive and excellent artists' book collection.

The tour will then travel by bus to **The Wagner Free Institute of Science** where the group will divide into two. Each group will visit the Wagner Institute's 19<sup>th</sup> century exhibit hall—soaring three-story space—that houses an extraordinary collection of natural history specimens. The collections are displayed in cherry-wood and glass cabinets dating from the 1880s and maintain their original "systematic" scheme, providing a rare view of a Victorian science museum—AND—the Library, where Lynn Dorwaldt, Special Collections Librarian, will show a selection of books. This extensive library contains primarily scientific works dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and covers the natural and physical sciences, education, medicine, archaeology and anthropology, the pseudo-sciences, instrument building, and engineering.

**Please note that this is a "bus" tour!** Entrance fee to the Wagner Free Institute is included in the tour cost.