

Visiting artist's Three Books exhibit on view in Herrick Library

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Heidi Neilson's 'Book'

An exhibit by NYC printmaking artist Heidi Neilson is on display at the entrance of Herrick Memorial Library at Alfred University through Monday, April 30. Neilson's exhibit, "Three Books," is an offering of three books, each with a different focus - fake snow, orbital debris, and an atlas dream sequence - all bound by hand. Fake Snow Collection is a 75-page assemblage that offers a thorough resource guide on the topic of artificial snow. It includes three tabbed sections: Index - annotated images of 40 fake snow specimens; Readings - 17 topical readings accompanied by images of 28 fake snow specimens in a diorama setting; and Samples - 24 samples of fake snow. Orbital Debris Simulator has an aluminum cover and 24 pages. The book is viewable in 3D and the exhibit provides 3D glasses for readers. Orbital Debris Simulator describes the phenomena of space junk in the earth's orbit, showing points of interest between the moon and the earth such as geosynchronous orbit, medium earth orbit, and the International Space Station. Images of space toys - spaceships and action figures from various science fiction "universes" as well as toy replicas of actual spacecraft - are used as stand-ins for the orbital debris itself. Atlas Dream Sequence is a series of collages made from maps, where each page spread is an imagined magnification from the previous spread. The front and back of the book are equal; the sequence of images can be read from either direction. Neilson works in printmaking, artist books, and public projects focusing on topics such as weather, fake snow, and the debris in the earth's orbit. Her exhibits have been displayed in over 50 museums, including Queens (N.Y.) Museum of Art; the International Print Center, New York; and the Bronx Museum of Arts. For more information on the exhibit, go to: <http://herrickblog.alfred...> has been on the Alfred University campus during March as a visiting artist in the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Interdisciplinary Art Program, teaching an artist's book workshop as part of the course Image, Text and Culture with Dale Inglett, assistant professor of studio art. This is Neilson's third visit to the AU campus. The artist earned a master of fine arts degree from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. For more information on the artist, visit Neilson's Web site at: <http://www.heidineilson.c...> Memorial Library is open (while classes are in session): Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays-8 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturdays-11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sundays-Noon-1 p.m.