

## Not By The Book

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“Not By The Book” is certainly an unexpected title for an art show housed in a library’s gallery. This unusual exhibit at the Flinn Gallery at the Greenwich Library’s ninety-second season features the works of four artists who use books themselves rather than the words written within to express their creative ideas. **Shiela Hale** builds with books taking her inspiration from nature. **Chris Perry** regards books as sculptural objects, **Andrew Sovjani** expands the boundaries of books’ content or physical nature using photography and, engineering to create works that stretch nature’s boundaries, and **Erin Walrath** transforms recycled books to alter the original print messages into visually expansive new contexts. All rely on different aspects of the physical structure of books as the basis of their artistic endeavors. Pages, covers, bindings and selected contents contribute to the different artists’ expressions in the way words supplied the narratives of the original authors. Curators Leslee Asch and Kira Albinsky plan the show’s run from September 23 – December 8, 2021.

While books are a unifying theme of both the library and the “Not By The Book” exhibition at the Flinn Gallery, the contributing artists stretch our imaginations by asking us to look at books in entirely new ways. Expanding our horizons has always been a function of art and this exhibit is no exception. Renaissance author Francis Bacon wrote, “Some books are to be tasted, others are to be swallowed, some few are to be chewed and digested.” The four artists featured in “Not By The Book” offer viewers new options of experiencing books and their component parts with visual delight.

The show will open with a reception on Thursday, September 23 from 6-8pm and will run until December 8, 2021.

The Flinn Gallery is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenwich Library, and is located on the second floor of the library, 101 West Putnam Avenue.

Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday 10-5, Thursday 10-8, Sunday 1-5.

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