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SMALL BOOKS GO BIG ON BLOOR

NANO~NANO~NANO~PUBLISHING
Handmade Books from Independent Minds

For Immediate Release:

Thursday June 21st, Toronto: Students of OCAD's Nano Publishing course take their books to the street as the first annual *Big on Bloor* festival turns the stretch of Bloor between Christie and Landsdowne into a pedestrian only thoroughfare from 1–9pm with hundreds of events, activities and exhibitions.

Nano Publishing is a six week course offered during the summer at OCADU (the newly christened Ontario College of Art and Design University) on McCaul Street. Students examine and subvert traditional ideas of book publishing and distribution in favour of a homegrown, handmade, yet contemporary approach.

Each student brings a different perspective to the bookmaking projects. Such wide ranging themes as found graffiti, family, friendship, weird creatures, and neighborhood restaurants share space with the solar system, pet turtles, art and high school; all of which are explored with beautiful results...expect the unexpected!

Production techniques ranging from letterpress to screen to digital printmaking processes are explored, with each effort resulting in unique artist's books. Come and see the finished handmade books at Crawford and Bloor, just west of Christie Pits park, where they will be offered for sale alongside the work of OCADU's Bookbinding and Letterpress students.

Invite your friends and family to this one-of-a-kind experience and come on out and meet the local artists!

For details, or to see more images please visit: shannongerard.org

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