What is an altered book?

An **altered book** is a form of mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form into something else.

Some Examples:

***Altered Page**: isolate a sentence or even a few words on a page by painting or covering the whole page except the words you have chosen. Let those words inspire you to add to the page: stamp, collage, drawings, etc.*

***Books as Sculpture:** 1 or more books used to create a 3-dimensional piece, additional object/material can be incorporated.*

***Altered Cover:** Glue stuff onto the cover. Poke holes and tie objects on, anything goes! Make the cover just as fun and exciting as the inside pages.*

***Collage Journal Page:** a collection of 3 or more pages in one book.*

***Book Art Dolls:** create a doll (doll-like/head, arms, legs) sculpture.*

***Niche Books**: one of the great surprises of altered books is the ability to hide little treasures in hollowed out pages.*

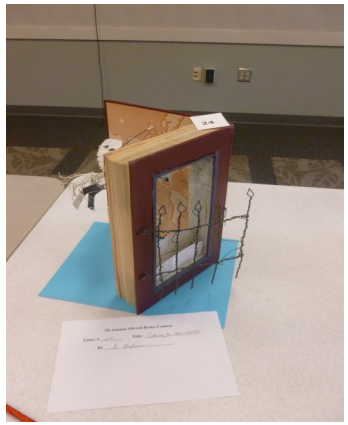
Why altered books?

Altered books give new life, artistic purpose, and meaning to used, old or abandoned books. People traditionally think of books as works of literary art, yet altered book projects and books transform into works of visual art as well.

How do I participate?

First start with a book! We have plenty to get you started. Pick up free books, while supplies last, from the lobby of the MRL Main Branch at 174 S. Main Street in downtown Harrisonburg. Read the gallery guidelines inside, complete, sign and return the entry form **with your art by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 to participate in gallery showing April 3-April 5, 2014.**

Get creative and enter your altered book creation today! Artists from ages 12 to adult are welcome. Complete details are inside!



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"Gateway to New Worlds"
Ashley Mullins, Culpepper, VA

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New: Two categories of Competition! Calling Teen and Adult Artists! Be a part of MRL's Annual National Library Week Altered Books Contest & Gallery!

2013 1st Place Winner
"Gnome Tome"
Diane Landis, Bridgewater

Young Adult Competition: 12-18 years
Adult Competition: 19+ years & older

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Altered Books Resources:

Books available at Massanutten Regional Library

OV 686 J - Books Unbound: 20 Innovative Bookmaking Projects by Michael Jacobs.

OV 745.54 M - Pockets, Pullouts and Hiding Places: Interactive elements for altered books, memory art, and collage by Jenn Mason.

OV 745.54 B - Altered books workshop : 18 creative techniques for self-expression by Bev Brazelton.

745.54 H-Art made from books; altered, sculpted, carved, transformed by Laura Heyenga.

JV 745.54 J - The pop-up book : step-by-step instructions for creating over 100 original paper projects by Paul Jackson.

745.54 C - New directions in altered books by Gabe Cyr.

745.54 Y-Book art; creative ideas to transform your book decorations, stationery, display scenes, and more by Clare Youngs.

686.3 T-Playing with books: the art of upcycling, deconstructing, & reimagining the book by Jason Thompson.

745.5 0-The repurposed library: 33 craft projects that glue old books new life by Lisa Occhipinti.

736.982 B-The new encyclopedia of origami and papercraft techniques by Ayako Brodek.

J 745.593 H - Alter this!: radical ideas for transforming books into art by Alena Hennessy.

J 745.54 W - Paper Creations by Joy Williams.

Websites

http://www.art-e-zine.co.uk/alteredbook.html

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altered_book

http://www.altered-book.com/

http://briandettmer.com

http:// www.cre8it.com/magaziine.html

Guidelines:

- Begin with a book. Alter it any artistic way you choose. Free books will be available in the lobby of the MRL Main Branch after **March 1st**— while supplies last.
- Artwork and entry form are due at the Main Branch by **April 1, 2014, 12 noon.** Gallery exhibition and voting for favorites will take place April 3-5, 2014.
- Please note that entries received will be on display Friday evening, **April 4, 5-7 PM** during the First Friday Celebration sponsored by the Arts Council of the Valley.
- Winning entries will be displayed at MRL Main Branch in a special gallery during National Library Month April 14-19.
- Gallery visitors may vote for their favorite entry, one vote per person in the teen and adult competitions. The top three entries will remain on display at MRL. ***If your art is not chosen as a winner, you are responsible for picking up your art from the Main library by 4 PM, Friday, April 11, 2014. Items not picked up by that time will be "recycled."***
- By entering, the artist gives MRL permission to use the artwork for display and other non-commercial purposes. The artist acknowledges that theft or damage could occur to the art and that the library is not responsible for the loss.
- The library will not display any entry that may be offensive or inappropriate to others.

Massanutten Regional Library
Altered Books Gallery
Artist Entry Form
Due: April 1, 2014 12 Noon

Artist Name:

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Title of piece:

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Address:

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Phone number: _____

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e-mail: _____

____Teen Entry ____Adult Entry

I agree to abide by the rules of the contest.
Signature:

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If under 18, parent/guardian signature:

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For further details see: www.mrlib.org

or contact Cheryl Griffith at cherylg@mrlib.org or 434.4475 ext. 121