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**MINNESOTA CENTER FOR BOOK ARTS  
 HOSTS PREACHER'S BISCUIT BOOKS (ROCHESTER, NY) ARTISTS' BOOKS READING**

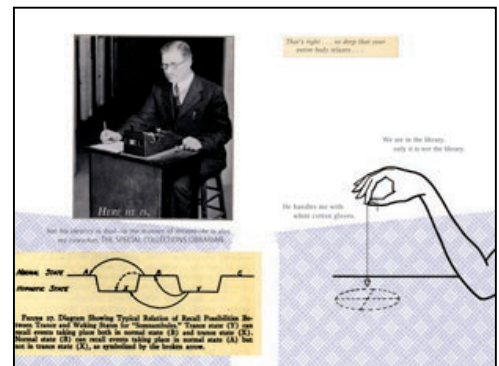
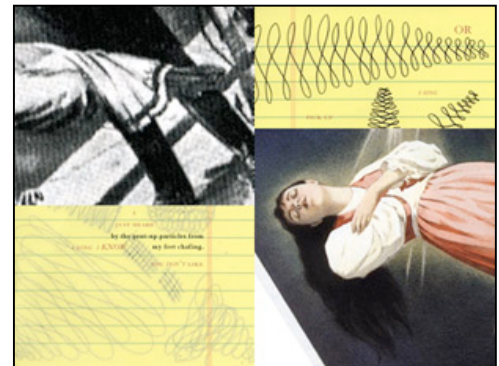
**WHAT:** Tate Shaw and Kris Merola of Preacher's Biscuit Books, Rochester NY, will present an Artists' Books reading at Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 5, 7:00pm

Using projected, moving images while simultaneously reading texts, Preacher's Biscuit Books aims to provide access to artists' books publicly. Their performance of books is an alternative to the limited view of books in a gallery-type setting. Please join us for the reading event and, afterwards, meet the artists/publishers and peruse the publications.

Preacher's Biscuit Books was formed in Rochester, New York, in 2004 by Tate Shaw and Kris Merola. The publishers collaborate with visual, sound, and language artists to make publications reliant on the material book as a metaphor to create meaning in their work. A "preacher's biscuit" is a lumpy, irregular shaped biscuit made by collecting together the dough leftover from cutting out typical, round-shaped biscuits. Merola and Shaw see the artists' books they publish much same way — as made up of fragments from many other kinds of books and sequential forms, such as literary memoir, short fiction, music, and film. Preacher's Biscuit Books choose, by and large, to publish those who have not previously made artists' books in the hopes the expansive book medium will persist in the work of these and future conceptual artists.

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**GALLERY HOURS:** Monday: 10 am to 5 pm  
Tuesday: 10 am to 9 pm  
Wednesday – Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm  
Sunday: closed

**General Minnesota Center for Book Arts Information**

MCBA is a nonprofit arts organization working to engage diverse artists and learners in finding creativity, expression and inspiration through the book arts. MCBA provides classes in the arts of papermaking, letterpress printing, printmaking and bookbinding for youth, families and adults. An artist fellowship program, artists' cooperative, lectures and studio space and equipment are also offered.

The Star Tribune Foundation Gallery at MCBA features four to five exhibitions each year highlighting the traditional and contemporary book arts. The Shop at MCBA features works by 140 consignment artists along with bookmaking supplies and gift items.

MCBA is located in the Open Book building in downtown Minneapolis, along with the Loft Literary Center, Rosalux Gallery and Milkweed Editions.

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