

Letterpress Rental

Includes access to the print shop and use of a press (see list below), access to wood and metal type, tools, a light table, polymer platemaker, solvents, gloves, and rags. Ink is also included in the hourly rate, but for larger editions, we ask individuals to supply their own ink. Individuals should also provide their own paper.

Presses:

Vandercook Universal I (2)
Vandercook Universal III with tower
Vandercook No. 219 (2)
Vandercook No. 4
Vandercook SP20
Vandercook SP25
19th century iron hand press (2)
Showcard sign press
Pilot platen presses (4)
Etching press

Bindery Equipment Rental

Includes access to guillotine paper cutter, board shears, Kwikprint foil presses, paper drill, backing press, sewing frames, book cradles, nipping presses, spiral binder, table space, and hand tools.

Screen Printing Rental

Includes access to MCBA's darkroom and lower level wet studio with washout booth, power washer, light tables (for exposing screens), printing and screen coating tools, emulsion and washout chemicals, and screen printing tables. Renters must provide their own paper or fabric, screen, and ink.

Papermaking Rental

Includes access to wet studio, including hydraulic press, restraint dryer, Valley beater, Reina beater, cook tops, felts, moulds, and deckles (various sizes). Renters must provide their own pulp.

Pricing

\$20/hr (10% discount for MCBA members)

\$10/hr for BIPOC participants (10% discount for MCBA members)*

*We are offering a reduced rate to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) participants to honor equity and increase access and artistic opportunities for those who have historically been underrepresented in the book arts. For individuals to whom this does not apply, register at the rate listed first and, if you are able, consider making a donation when registering to support MCBA's efforts to make reduced rates available.

Required Training

In order to keep people and equipment safe, renters must be fully trained to use MCBA's equipment. Some MCBA workshops teach skills that prepare individuals to rent equipment on their own (see list below). Individuals with training from other studios or organizations are welcome! Be sure to share your experience when requesting a rental.

If you need training, check out our one-to-one tutorials.

MCBA workshops that serve as prerequisites for equipment rentals:

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Letterpress I *and* Letterpress II *or* Polymer Platemaking for Letterpress. After completing these workshops, individuals must take a proficiency exam. To schedule this, contact Molly Poganski (mpoganski@mnbookarts.org).

Bindery Equipment Rental

Intro to Binding, Letterpress I

Screen Printing

Introduction to Screen Printing

Papermaking

Intro to European-Style Papermaking, Japanese Papermaking