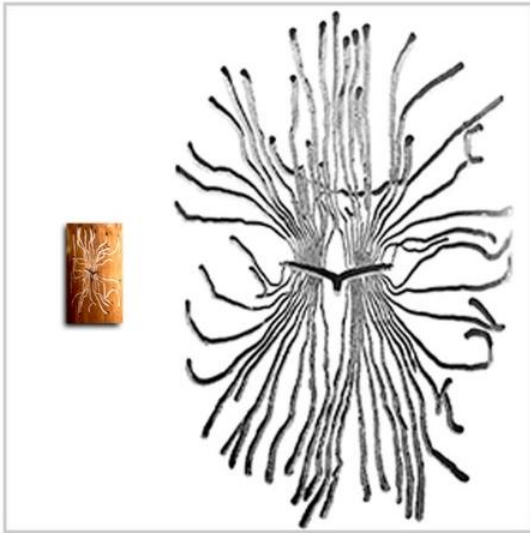


George A. Smathers Libraries Exhibit Explores Bark Beetles

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The George A. Smathers Libraries will present an exhibition of original artwork and rare books depicting bark beetles and their impact on the environment. On view January 9 through March 10, 2017, *Beetle | Book | Bark*, reflects upon the beetles themselves, their destructive capacity, and the art they unintentionally create.

The exhibition includes original works of art that incorporate large-scale, high-resolution images of the beetles juxtaposed with their three dimensional habitats. The artwork was designed by Jiri Hulcr with assistance from Matthew Pollard. Also on view are rare volumes featuring stylized and scientific representations of bark beetles, displaying how the concepts such as scientific accuracy, imagination, and design evolved through the ages.



Jiri Hulcr and Matthew Pollard, *Hylensinus*, 2013-2016.

Beetle | Book | Bark is curated by Jiri Hulcr, School of Forest Resources and Conservation and John Nemmers, Smathers Libraries Special & Area Studies Collections. Items on view are from the George A. Smathers Libraries' Special and Area Studies Collections, the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Division of Plant Industry Library, and the personal collection of Jiri Hulcr.

The Smathers Library Gallery is located on the second floor of the Smathers Library on the University of Florida campus. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified and with occasional exceptions for maintenance. All exhibitions are open to the public and free of charge.

Opening Reception

Thursday January 26, 3:00 pm – 4:00pm
Smathers Library, Room 100

Opening remarks from the curators at 3:15pm.

All events are free and open to the public.