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## **\$20,000 Support For Vintage Wood-Type** **Genesee Center receives grant from Windgate**

**(ROCHESTER, NY – Jan. 27, 2016)** Genesee Center for the Arts & Education (GCAE) has received a \$20,000 grant from the Windgate Charitable Foundation to support the purchase of an extensive collection of vintage letterpress wood-type for use by students and artists in its Book Arts Studio.

- The wood-type collection acquired was owned by Stan Harris of Eaton, NY. Five extensive banks comprise 125 drawers of type representing over 75 fonts enhancing GCAE's current type selection without duplication.
- The Center already maintains four Vandercook presses, the necessary equipment to accommodate Mr. Harris' type as part of our working studio.
- The type collection will be able to be used in classes for adults and youth learning the letterpress craft, as well as by the Center's resident artists and practicing studio artists. In addition, having this magnitude of wood type available will allow the Center to expand its offerings with wood-type exclusive letterpress classes and workshops.

"This is a collection 25 years in the making. It is a collection that any book arts institution or collector would covet. We feel very fortunate to be the new stewards of such a large and diverse collection of wood type." — Mitch Cohen, Book Arts Director

"This acquisition is an important historical resource. We are excited to offer the collection as a tool for our students and studio artists as they work on creative projects." — Janice Gouldthorpe, Executive Director

**About the Book Arts Studio**

The Book Arts Studio at GCAE was founded in 2005 and is a teaching and working space for letterpress, linoleum block printing, bookbinding, screen-printing, etching, intaglio and papermaking. Housed in GCAE's 14,000 square foot dedicated art space, the department has expanded several times by acquiring additional equipment, allowing for a greater selection of techniques, applications and mediums to be taught and practiced. In 2016, the studio will host a summer Wayzgoose, a printer fair that will attract type aficionados from across the Northeast.

**About the Genesee Center**

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education is a community-based not-for-profit that educates, encourages and inspires all people to create and enjoy the visual arts. As a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, the organization is committed to making high-quality arts education available to all.

Genesee Center for the Arts & Education has been operating since 1970. Genesee Center is a darkroom and photography facility, a pottery workshop, and a printing and book arts center. Support of the Genesee Center benefits youth outreach programs and programs for the community. All of the money raised stays in Rochester and directly benefits members of the Rochester community. The Center uses its resources to provide youth programs in schools, offers over 140 classes to the general public, and rents space to artists and others interested in the visual arts. Internships, facilities for advanced area arts students and resource facilities for anyone interested in book arts, photography and pottery are also available. Three galleries in the building serve as exhibit space for local, regional and national artists.

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