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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Ames Library of Illinois Wesleyan University will host an exhibit of paper and book art by the Chicago artist Don Widmer opening on Tuesday, April 30 and continuing until Friday, May 31.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, will be located on the entry level of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

Using text, image, sound and movement, in combination with book arts, Widmer immerses the audience in an imagined narrative. Traditional myth and storytelling provide the impetus for his creation of sculptural book structures with dramatic elements.

Widmer tells the stories of historical and fictional characters who reside on the fringes of society. His art creates a real or imagined past for these individuals, utilizing elements that express their cultural belonging simultaneously with their sense of personal isolation.

The recipient of the Albert P. Wesiman Award and the Columbia College Chicago Student Award for Creative Excellence, Widmer has exhibited throughout Chicago, including Workspace Gallery, Art on Track, Built Festival and Hearts-A-Bluhm.

A native of Cleveland, Widmer received his master's of fine arts degree in interdisciplinary book and paper arts from Columbia College Chicago in May of 2012. He also received a master's of science degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a master's of music degree in music history from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and a bachelor's of arts degree in music and English from Wittenberg University in Ohio. From 1996 to 2009, Widmer served as library director at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago.

For additional information, contact Robert Delvin, music and fine arts librarian, at (309) 556-3003.

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