



## The Abecedaria Project

The art department is currently hosting an exhibit of 27 hand-made books by members of **ABC-Art Books Cleveland**. The exhibit is on view in the ground floor corridor of the Administration Building from January 19<sup>th</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>. The books can be viewed anytime the Administration Building is open from Monday through Sunday.

The **ABC** organization is dedicated to exploring, encouraging and teaching contemporary and traditional artistic practices of the hand-made book. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in book arts. **ABC** has members from a variety of professions; book artists, custom binders, calligraphers, collectors, letterpress printers, printmakers, conservators, teachers and papemakers. The exhibit presented at Notre Dame represents the second annual Abecedaria Project. The books feature various alphabets in both text and imagery. An abecedarium is usually a book or broadside representing each letter of the alphabet. It is similar to a child's abecedary; a pictorial book linking letters with common words with which they begin. Artists in this exhibit used not only the English alphabet but Hebrew, Arabic and Moon (for the seeing impaired) alphabets. Ideas and concepts are explored in a variety of visual representations of the alphabet. Materials range from traditional to non-traditional, paper, vinyl, polymer clay, wood and fiber. In addition, binding techniques represent both western and Japanese binding styles. Some books contain letterpress type, hand lettering and computer generated text. Those books for sale are noted on the labels and an artist statement by each member of **ABC** is included in the binder accompanying the exhibit. For further information about the show contact Rachel Morris at (216) 373-5320 or for information about **ABC** contact Bonne at [brookfire@aol.com](mailto:brookfire@aol.com)