



ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

TROY

TODAY'S STUDENTS. TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

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WHAT: Book Arts Presented to Mayor
WHERE: Carroll Hill School
112 Delaware Avenue
WHEN: June 20, 2014
9:00 am

Troy students present Mayor with Book Arts

TROY - Approximately 650 Troy City School District students from five elementary schools and Troy Middle School have authored books entitled "Describing Your City". Twenty-one books will be presented to Troy Mayor, Lou Rosamilia, on Friday, June 20th at 9:00 am as the culmination of the year-long Book Arts program. The Mayor will display the students' work in City Hall.

This unique program, led by The Albany Institute of History & Art, uses Book Arts as a forum for student creativity, the artistic process, critical thinking and problem solving skills. This year's Book Arts program began with students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 visiting Albany Institute of History & Art to see the book *Description of Egypt* on view in the Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition. The program incorporated lessons in ELA, Social Studies, Science, and Math delivered by an environmental illustrator, an archaeologist, an architect and museum educators. Students, in turn, used these lessons to record flora, fauna, buildings and objects emblematic of their life in Troy in 2014, culminating in the creation of their own Description books. Just as the *Description* tells us about life in Egypt 200 years ago, the students' books will tell people in the future about their lives today. Troy students are excited to present their colorful books to the Mayor on Friday, and for these books to be on display where citizens can view their work.

The Book Arts program began in 2006 with a single class at Carroll Hill School and has expanded each year. The Troy City School District is thrilled to have had 26 classes across the district participate in the program in 2013-14. "The partnership we have established over the years with Albany Institute of History & Art has given our students learning opportunities that they would never experience otherwise. By working with archeologists, architects and visiting the museum, the children have been literally able to touch history," said Carroll Hill 4th Grade Teacher Michael O'Brien.

Book Arts 2013-14 is supported by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, Questar III BOCES, the City School Districts of Albany and Troy, and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Education Endowment of the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Albany Institute of History & Art is one of the oldest museums in the United States, founded in 1791. AIHA education programs serve 10,000 students, teachers, adult learners, and families every year. For more information about the Book Arts program, contact Erika Sanger, Director of Education at sangere@albanyinstitute.org

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