The Endangered Alphabets Project—On Display and in Action

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Abstract

The Endangered Alphabets Project, founded in 2010 by Tim Brookes, is a unique attempt to play an active role in preserving endangered cultures by using their writing systems to create artwork and educational materials.

At FEL XVII Tim Brookes will present a selection of the Endangered Alphabets carvings and discuss some of the many multidisciplinary questions that the project suggests—questions of language, anthropology, art, writing and the influence of technology on communication.

He will also present a variety of educational materials that are being generated as one particular aspect of the Alphabets project: a collaboration with indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh.

Tim has put together a team including a calligrapher, a typographer, a laser specialist and other support personnel to produce the first schoolbooks ever published in three indigenous languages/scripts of the region, plus a range of educational materials including coloring books and rubber ink stamps to enable children of the Hill Tracts to be educated in their own languages. For more information:

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Résumé

Le projet Alphabets en voie de disparition, fondé en 2010 par Tim Brookes, est une tentative originale de jouer un rôle actif dans la préservation des cultures menacées en utilisant leurs systèmes d'écriture pour créer des œuvres d'art et du matériel pédagogique. Nous présenterons des sculptures d'alphabets menacés et discuterons quelques questions pluridisciplinaires que le projet suggère: questions de langue, d'anthropologie, d'art, d'écriture et l'influence de la technologie sur la communication.

Nous présenterons également une variété de supports pédagogiques, issus du projet, comme une collaboration avec les peuples autochtones des Chittagong Hill Tracts au Bangladesh.

L'équipe comprend un calligraphe, un typographe, un spécialiste du laser et d'autres membres du personnel de soutien pour produire les premiers manuels scolaires jamais publiés en trois langues / scripts autochtones de la région, ainsi qu'une gamme de matériel éducatif, y compris des livres de coloriage, des tampons encreurs en caoutchouc pour permettre aux enfants des Hill Tracts être instruits dans leur propre langue.

Pour plus d'informations:

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