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Vancouver Art Book Fair

The Vancouver Art Book Fair is a multi-day festival organized by Project Space, a non-profit organization dedicated to publication as an art medium. It features over a hundred of artists, collectives, curators, galleries, and institutions from Vancouver and worldwide. The VABF is hosted in the Vancouver Art Gallery annually during mid-October.

Main Projects by Project Space:

- Vancouver Art Book Fair (Mid October)
- Monthly Open Studios (3rd Friday of each month)
- Membership Drive Fundraiser (September)

History:

- The Vancouver Art Book Fair Originally started as an art and literary magazine named One Cool Word - focused mainly on the Vancouver music scene
- In 2010, the magazine steered more toward visual arts, relaunching as the artists' publication OCW Magazine
- In 2011, opened a bookshop/gallery
- In 2012, held the first Art Book Fair
- In 2013, closed the storefront, and till now, the focuses are on the Fair, Monthly Studio Event, Curatorial Projects and Collaborations

Structure:

- Director (Tracy Stefanucci)
- Marketing and publicity coordinator
- Curatorial assistant
- IT lead
- Chair of board
- design
- Board members
- Volunteers

In relation to us as students, the Vancouver Art Book Fair creates a great opportunity for us to expand our connections with artists and institutions in an informal environment. As young artists, we can not only learn about each exhibitors through direct dialogue, but also share and exchange our ideas and interests face to face with them. Moreover, the VABF provides lots of volunteer opportunities for students who are interested in event-assisting, thus, it is a good opportunity for meeting peers and making new friends within different areas of studies.