

Just Do Art!

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STRANGE BIRDS

Presented by The Center For Book Arts, social ecologist Ethan Shoshan's interactive

art peers into the inner life of dozens of people — by displaying objects that have significant meaning to them. An optional audio guide provides insight into what makes these folks tick, and why (as Shoshan describes it) they've become a "caretaker" of the particular object on display. If you go, do choose to peruse with the help of that audio guide. It's the only way you'll learn about Bibbe Hansen's relationship with her mom (through gathering stones) and hear the backstory behind Stephen Kent Jusick's first film projector. Other slices of forgotten histories, memories and embodied experiences await.

Free. Through March 31. On view Mon.-Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat. from 10am-4pm. Artist Talk with Edwin Ramoran (on role models and intergenerational dialogue), on Wed., March 21, 6:30pm. At The Center for Book Arts (28 W. 27th St., 3rd floor; btw. Broadway & 6th Ave.). For info, call 212-481-0295 or visit disiterate.com.



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Installation shot, from Ethan Shoshan's "Strange Birds."