

**Book arts lab: Staff activity**  
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So, last week you gave library folks a taste of what it could be like for students to be here in the lab. And you had them doing a little project. Do you want to tell me what they did.

**Larry Thompson (L.T.)**

That's right. I, I gave them a very, very quick and cursory ah instruction in how to set type. And they did that. It's just two words, happy holidays. And then, ah, they constructed, using pieces of type, a border that went around and ornaments, they're called ornaments there, uh, large pieces of, of metal that have uh inscribed, in this case, a set of bells and some holly. And they did a happy holiday, basically a print.

**M.A.B.**

And did they have fun?

**L.T.**

[Laughs]. Oh yeah, they had a great time. As time goes, I want to train more and more people in, in the library here or beyond to be able to take the load so kind of larger classes and ah, two or three things going at once.