

## Whatever is to become of books?: London Design Festival 2011

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Sojournposse will be hosting another Inspiration Room event at The London Design Festival 2011 on 17 September at University College London. The theme, "Whatever is to become of books?", addresses the future of books as the placeholder of ideas in the digital age. Now that we consume information online and in downloads, what would happen to storytelling? Are we ready for a life without books? The seminar will discuss the traditional and digital platforms of publishing, issues relating to open-source and proprietary applications and digitality's effect on the practice of book-making.

**Speakers:** The British Library, Blurb Books, Oxford International Centre for Publishing Studies, The Photo Book Club, The Comics Grid, The Ballet Bag, Not On The Wires and the National Union of Journalists Books & Magazine branch.

The event will also feature "Homer", a book scanner constructed by digital anthropologists using everyday objects: a digital camera, an open source software used by Google Books and a laptop – their digital nod to the Gutenberg press. It will be used to scan the King James I bible, marking the 400th anniversary of the completion of the authorised version, which was in 1611. This is in line with the festival's main showcase at St Paul's Cathedral.

This event is kindly backed by Department of Anthropology, University College London, in support of the masters programmes targeted at the design, creative and advertising communities: MSc Digital Anthropology, MA Material & Visual Culture, and MA Materials, Culture & Design.

**Venue:** Department of Anthropology, UCL, 14 Taviton St, WC1H 0BW, London. **Contact:** [info@sojournposse.com](mailto:info@sojournposse.com). A non-profit event, £1 of each ticket sale will go towards a Japan Red Cross tsunami drive, a photobook app project, £0.73 to go to Paypal and the rest on food and drinks.

**Speakers' profile** [http://www.sojournposse.com/?page\\_id=6625](http://www.sojournposse.com/?page_id=6625)

**London Design Festival event page** <http://www.londondesignfestival.com/profiles/sojournposse>

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