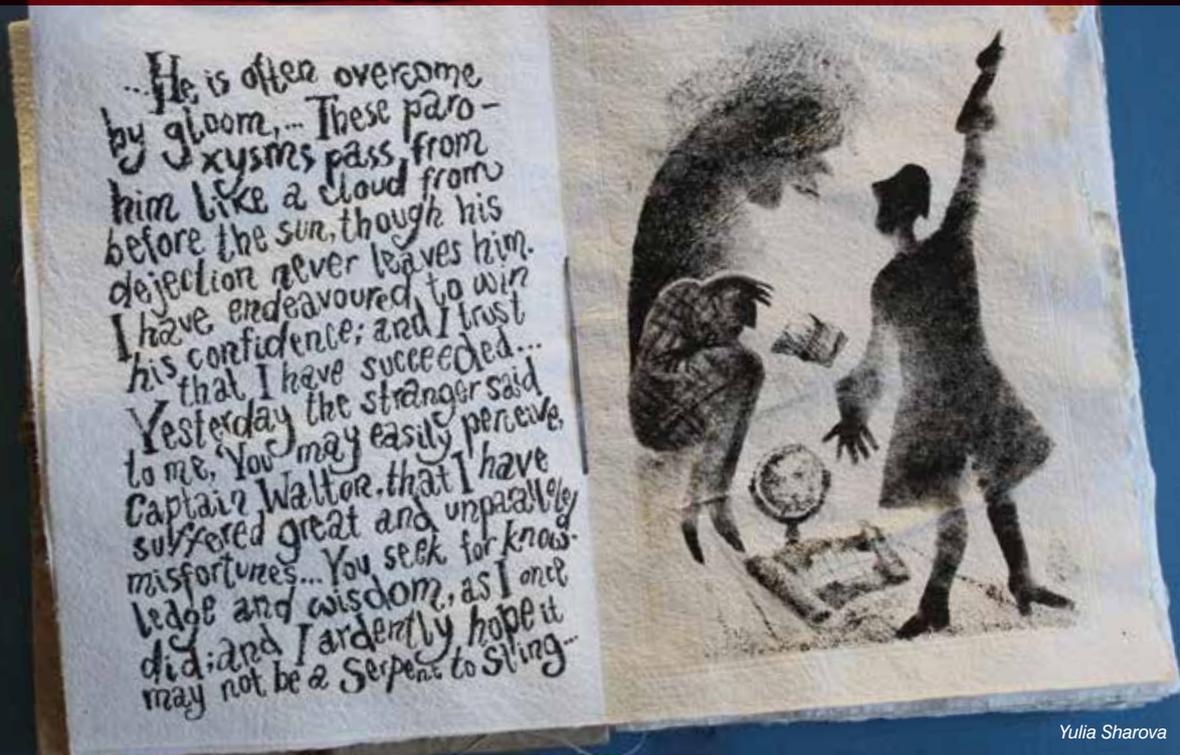


The Liverpool & Knowsley Book Art exhibition: Frankenstein 2018



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Central Library, Liverpool 14 May - 9 August 2018

Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley 17 September 2018 - 26 January 2019

Liverpool Book Art is delighted to present **Frankenstein 2018**, in partnership with Liverpool Central Library and Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley. The theme of the exhibition marks 200 years since the first edition of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus* was published.

Frankenstein is a classic work for a variety of reasons. Not only is it arguably the very first work of science fiction, but it is also a core text of Gothic literature. Its themes of ambition and hubris, ethics and morality, responsibility for the consequence of one's actions, free will and empathy have been important since the book was first published. They also appear hugely relevant today, whether considering genetic manipulation and synthetic biology, artificial intelligence and machine learning, or Silicon Valley's 'disruptive technologies'. This is reflected in recent television series such as *Humans*.

Book artists from around the world have responded to *Frankenstein* with a hugely creative range of ideas. Some have been stimulated by the themes in the book; others have been inspired by the way the story is told; others have made links between *Frankenstein* and other classic stories such as *Dracula* and *The Golem*.

Some of the works have been made in small editions; some are unique works. Many of them are available to buy. New works will be on show in Kirkby Gallery by invited artists and by Knowsley residents in response to seeing the exhibition in Liverpool.

Liverpool Central Library is also the venue for the fifth **Liverpool Artists' Book Fair**, taking place on **Saturday 7th** and **Sunday 8th July 2018**. The Fair showcases unique hand-made books, notebooks and cards, bookbinding, book sculptures and everything in between, all of which are for sale.

The Exhibition and the Fair are both **FREE** to the public. Look out for details of demonstrations, workshops and talks during the exhibitions.

Dates for your diary:

Private View

Liverpool Central Library: Wednesday 16 May, 5.30-7.30pm
(RSVP to liverpoolbookart@gmail.com)

Book Art Fair

Liverpool Central Library: Saturday 7 July, 10am-5pm and Sunday 8 July, 10.30am-4.30pm

Teacher First event

Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley: Thursday 13 September, 3.45-4.30pm
(RSVP to tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk)

Private View

Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley: Thursday 13 September, 4.30-6.30pm
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