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University of St. Thomas Presents
The Iconic Copy: The Art of Creating Rare Book Reproductions

WHAT: Czeslaw Jan Grycz, curator of books, Internet Archive, will speak on the art and craft of creating facsimiles of historic and fine books, accompanying an exhibit of such facsimiles. The lecture is sponsored by the Friends of Doherty Library.

WHEN: 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Doherty Library
1100 W. Main

BACKGROUND: On display will be reproductions of The Book of Kells, The Lindisfarne Gospels, and the Pelplin copy of the Gutenberg Bible.

Grycz is Curator of Books at the Internet Archive, the world’s largest online “open access public library,” currently scanning over 1,000 books a day. Prior to joining the Internet Archive, Grycz was CEO and publisher of Octavo, which specialized in ultra-high resolution digital imaging technologies of rare books and special collections from the world’s most prestigious libraries and museums.

An editor and author of numerous technical and scholarly articles and publications, Grycz has taught several courses on Internet publishing technologies and in library science. He was instrumental in the formation of a post-graduate Center of Excellence in Information Management at Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun, Poland, which serves professional librarians and information specialists from the Central European region. He is the author of many scholarly articles and books.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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