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Local bookstore/publisher receives distinguished achievement award for supporting the study of printing history

New Castle, Delaware, February 5— On Saturday, January 26, 2008, the American Printing History Association (APHA) honored Oak Knoll Books & Oak Knoll Press with the APHA Institutional Award for distinguished achievement in printing history. The award was presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Printing History Association, held in the South Court Auditorium of the New York Public Library. Oak Knoll founder and president Bob Fleck received the award and delivered an acceptance speech on behalf of the business. Oak Knoll is the first commercial organization to ever receive this prestigious award.

According to Jane Siegel, the chair of the APHA awards committee, “In our deliberations, the committee was particularly taken with Oak Knoll’s valuable contribution to printing history simply by making such a quantity of new and old books about books available, providing fodder to historians and useful manuals to novice letterpress printers, binders and other practitioners of the arts of the book. We are particularly engaged by this mass distribution of knowledge, but recognize also the Oak Knoll Fest, combining fine press book fair with lectures and panel discussions, providing a delightful opportunity for book-makers and book-buyers to congregate and socialize, and for neophytes to be drawn into the world of well-made books.”

Oak Knoll Books, an antiquarian book dealer since 1976, and Oak Knoll Press, a publisher and distributor of over 1000 titles, have the world’s largest inventory of books about books. Oak Knoll is a member of the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers (ILAB), the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America (ABAA) and the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

APHA was founded in 1974 to encourage the study of printing history and its related arts and skills. Typefounding, calligraphy, bookbinding, papermaking, illustration and publishing are all topics of interest to APHA members. With hundreds of members worldwide, APHA is a diverse group that includes professionals and students, printers and collectors, scholars and artisans.