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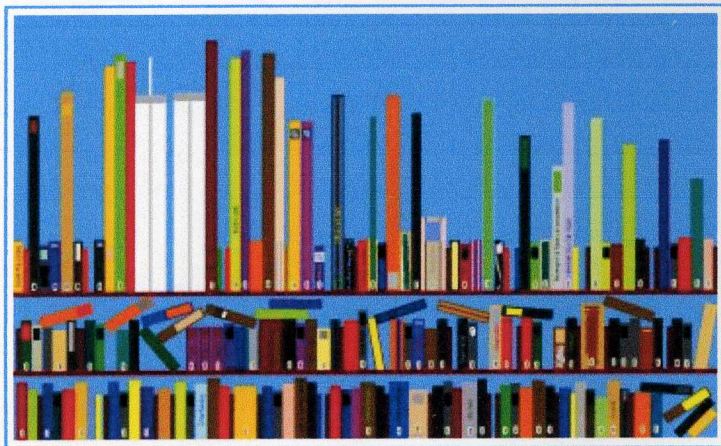
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## Cliff Eyland : The 'Librarian Painter'



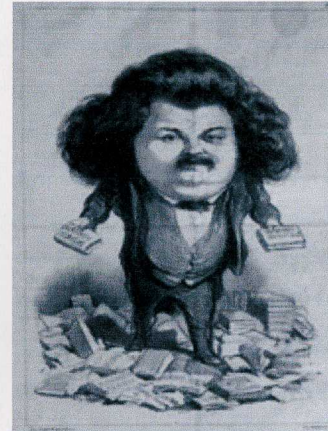
Bookshelf File Card LK 21 -The Large Bookshelf, 2009  
Illustrator Drawing on Paper, 3" x 5"

At times Cliff Eyland thinks of himself as a "librarian painter." A longtime bibliophile, Eyland has been painting on 3" x 5" index cards for 30 years.

In his latest exhibition *Bookshelf File Cards*, at the [Leo Kamen Gallery](#) in Toronto, Cliff Eyland "reengages his lifelong obsession with books and art by painting abstract images of books on shelves."

"Since his art school days Eyland has not only remained consistent in the size of his work but he has also come to believe that the library is the most important of all art institutions."

In 1981, while at a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art



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