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"Prints and Illustrated Books in the Nelson A. Rockefeller Collection" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture by Riva Castleman at The Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, June 12, at 12 noon.

Miss Castleman, Assistant Curator of Prints and Illustrated Books for the Museum's Department of Drawings and Prints, studied at the University of Iowa and the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University. She has served as an assistant to the curator of decorative arts at the Art Institute of Chicago and curator for the California Historical Society. She has co-directed many exhibitions for the Department of Drawings and Prints, including Recent Prints: Canada and Frank O'Hara: In Memory of My Feelings, and has assisted with most of the print exhibitions presented by the Museum during the last five years. In addition, Miss Castleman has written several articles for magazines here and abroad.

Miss Castleman, who installed the prints and illustrated books in the current exhibition of 20th-Century Art from the Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller Collection, will discuss her choices within the context of the Governor's collection as a whole. His earliest collecting of prints and illustrated books began with Japanese prints and Toulouse-Lautrec's lithograph, Ride in the Country, which were given to him by his mother. His collection now includes one of the few complete sets of L'Epreuve and L'Estampe originale, which contain original prints in various media by the most prominent artists of the late 19th century. He also owns 33 prints by Picasso, including the great Minotauromachy. His more recent acquisitions include books illustrated by artists as different as Braque, Glarner, and Bontecou.

The lunch-time lectures in the Museum Auditorium are devoted to various aspects of the Museum's collection and temporary exhibitions. They are open to the public, and entrance is included in the Museum's regular admission fee.

Additional information available from Elizabeth Shaw, Director, and Linda Gordon, Associate Director, Department of Public Information, The Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019. 956-7501, 7504.