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Vincent van Gogh's "The Starry Night" (1889) is one of the works that will be featured when the Museum of Modern Art reopens.
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10th Anniversary Edition of Ray Johnson's 'A Book About Death'

(Sept. 14-Nov. 2, Islip Art Museum, 50 Irish Lane, East Islip)

Enigmatic, reclusive Long Island artist Ray Johnson wasn't as famous as his friends Andy Warhol, Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg, but he was a star to them. Withdrawn but deeply engaged, the conceptual artist invented his own genre, "mail art." Sending drawings and collages filled with mystery, humor, blazing originality and sometimes dark observations to colleagues, he'd ask them to add their own art and return them. Synergies continue as more than 200 international artists respond with thousands of new artworks on postcards that are free for the taking. Visitors can become involved, mail some art and start their own collections. [631-224-5420](tel:631-224-5420), islipartmuseum.org

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