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Letterpress printing is a type of relief printing using a printing press. The type compresses the paper you are going to print on with ink on it. We have learned about this technique in class but never got to actually see it in person. One week we went down to the first floor to see this process firsthand. The process doesn’t seem difficult, just time consuming.

First you place ink on the plate. This plate rotates and the rollers go over the ink, and the ink goes over the type that will be pressed on paper. After that you put the paper in the tray so the paper stays in place. After it is in place you pull a lever so the paper gets compressed and the type gets stamped on the paper.