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Cal Poly's Kennedy Library Calls for Entries to Book Collection Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Kennedy Library is holding a book collection competition in conjunction with its spring exhibit, Pressing Forward: The Book Club of California at 100, which opens April 5. The deadline for the competition is Feb. 24.

Collections must contain a minimum of seven thematically related books. Entries require an essay, bibliography and photo of the collection.

Essays are judged by how they demonstrate the collector's dedication and explain the collection's originality, creativity and potential for growth.

"Book collecting is a diverse art with a rich California history," said Peter Runge, head of Special Collections and University Archives. "In an era of bits and bytes, personal libraries and book collections continue to be a cherished expression of personal interests and passions."

Awards will be given for the top entrant in each category. Winners will have a portion of their collection, essay and bibliography included in the Pressing Forward exhibit.

The top two student collectors will receive a one-year student membership to the Book Club of California and gift cards to El Corral Bookstore.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24. Submission guidelines are online at <http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/news/books/>.

For more information, contact Special Collections at 805-756-2305 or archives@calpoly.edu.

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