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Events at Cal Poly's Kennedy Library Launch Exhibit Celebrating Book Club of California at 100

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Kennedy Library announces the opening of its spring exhibit, "Pressing Forward: The Book Club of California at 100" on Thursday, April 5.

The exhibit showcases fine-press books, keepsakes and ephemera published by the San Francisco-based Book Club of California, and includes selections from Kennedy Library's Special Collections Fine Print and Graphic Arts Collection.

Two events will mark the opening:

- The Science Café will feature a hands-on Japanese bookbinding workshop from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library's café area. Erin Zamrzla, author of *"At Home with Handmade Books: 28 Extraordinary Bookbinding Projects Made from Ordinary and Repurposed Materials,"* will give a talk and demonstration before leading participants in a simple Japanese bookbinding project.

- The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the café area, featuring a talk by woodcut artist and author Tom Killion, who will discuss his series, "Landscape Prints of California," and his printmaking techniques. Killion's books will be available for sale.

Both events are free and open to the public.

In addition to fine-press publications by the Book Club of California, the exhibit includes photographs of club members with their personal libraries, including Katherine Westheimer, the longest-standing member in California, as well as several Central Coast club members. The exhibit also features winners of Kennedy Library's Book Collection Competition, student work from Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department, and "Flight," an installation by Cal Poly Art and Design Department student Bryn Hobson.

Created in 1912 for "the study of letters and promotion of the arts pertaining to the production of books," the Book Club of California publishes distinguished fine-press books on California and the West and hosts book-related exhibitions, lectures and demonstrations.

The exhibit is open during regular library hours through June 8. For library hours go to <http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/hours/>. For more information go to <http://lib.calpoly.edu/exhibits/bcc>.

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