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Tiny Books Make Big Splash In Exhibit at Cal Poly

The smallest book in the world is one of the biggest attractions in an exhibit of miniature books in Cal Poly's Robert E. Kennedy Library.

A 0.04-inch-wide edition of "Old King Cole" -- the smallest book in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records -- is part of "Minibibliomania," a display of miniature books from the Kennedy Library's Special Collections Department and "Miniature Books Today," a traveling exhibit from the collections of the Miniature Book Society Inc.

The itty-bitty books are on display in Room 409 in the library through June 21. Hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Books in the exhibit from Cal Poly's collection include "Alphabet" by Kate Greenaway, printed in 1885 and measuring 2 1/4 inches by 2 5/8 inches. "A Brief History of the Ukulele" by Peter and Donna Thomas expands accordion-style from 2 7/8 inches by 1 1/2 inches to more than 18 inches.

Another Cal Poly miniature, the two-volume "A Small Book of Flies" designed by publisher Issac Oelgart, chronicles the fisherman's art of fly tying. Eight mounted flies, tied for the book, are also on display.

The Miniature Book Society is an international nonprofit organization formed "to encourage the love of miniature books." Its national traveling exhibit consists of more than 100 books together with photographs of collectors and publishers.

For more information, call Catherine Trujillo in the Kennedy Library at (805) 756-2305.

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