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Collection of Essays on Texana Collectors and Creation of Research Libraries to be Featured at 15th Annual Texas Book Festival
Volume co-edited by Dr. Tom Kreneck, head of University’s Special Collections

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – “Collecting Texas: Essays on Texana Collectors and the Creation of Research Libraries” co-edited by Dr. Tom Kreneck, head of the University’s Special Collections and Archives at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, will be featured at the 15th annual Texas Book Festival in Austin, Texas, during October.

The volume was co-written with Dr. Gerald D. Saxon, dean of the library at the University of Texas at Arlington. Kreneck and Saxon will be on a panel dedicated to the book which was published by the Book Club of Texas Press at the DeGolyer Library on the campus of Southern Methodist University and released in March 2010 at the Texas State Historical Association Conference in Dallas, Texas.

The book represents a culmination of Kreneck’s 20 years as curator of rare books at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. In addition to co-editing the book, Kreneck authored a chapter on Dan Kilgore’s 35 years of Texana collecting, how the Kilgore Collection formed the nucleus of the rare books at the University, and how Kilgore himself contributed in other ways to Texas studies.

“Collecting Texas” contains 195 pages explaining how private collectors significantly contributed to the building of Texas history research resources across the state. It includes a general introduction to the field of Texana books by Kreneck and Saxon and chapters written by other scholars on how Texana collectors built or contributed to the holdings of various museums, libraries, and universities in Texas.

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