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Essays on Texana Collectors and Creation of Research Libraries
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Volume co-edited by Dr. Tom Kreneck, head of University’s Special Collections

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Dr. Tom Kreneck, head of Special Collections and Achieves and graduate lecturer in Public History at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, co-edited “Collecting Texas: Essays on Texana Collectors and the Creation of Research Libraries,” that was released at the recent Texas State Historical Association Conference in Dallas, Texas.

The volume, written with Dr. Gerald D. Saxon, dean of the library at the University of Texas at Arlington, was published by the Book Club of Texas Press at the DeGolyer Library on the campus of Southern Methodist University. The book represents a culmination of Kreneck’s 20 years as curator of rare books at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. It particularly reflects his longtime association with the late Dan E. Kilgore, Corpus Christi public accountant, well-known Texana book collector, and local historian.

“Collecting Texas” contains 195 pages that give Texans an understanding of 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.

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 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, and how Kilgore himself contributed in other ways to Texas studies. For more information, call 361.825.2301.

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