The Lawrence G. Blackmon Student Book Collecting Contest

First Prize: $1,500
Second Prize: $1,000
Third Prize: $750
Fourth Prize: $500
Best Essay: $200
Emerging Collector: $200

Closing Date: March 26, 2012

Rules available at www.bu.edu/archives or on the Fifth Floor of Mugar at HGARC Reading Room 771 Commonwealth Avenue 617-353-1218

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Student Book Collecting Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all full-time students regularly enrolled at Boston University.

2. Entries should be submitted to the Director at the Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, Fifth Floor, Mugar Memorial Library by MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

3. Books must be owned and collected by the student.

4. Collections are limited to a selection of not more than 50 titles.

5. Each entry must include in writing
   a) a formal annotated bibliography of the collection.
   b) a brief statement, not to exceed one typewritten page double-spaced, describing how and why the collection was assembled.
   c) an essay of 1,000 to 1,500 words on any aspect of the subject matter of the collection.

6. Basis of judging:
   Three judges will select the finalists on the basis of the three written submissions. Semi-finalists will bring several specific volumes to the Howard Gotlieb Center for inspection by the judges, and will discuss their collections with the judges. Each collection will be judged by the extent to which it represents a well-defined field of interest. This may be an author or a subject collection (e.g. eighteenth-century anatomy books, Russian children’s books, etc.) While substance and thematic limits of the collection will be of prime importance in the judging, consideration will also be given to the physical condition and the excellence of design and production of the books. Books in any state may be included (hard cover, soft cover, loose leaves, unbound, disbound, etc.).

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