Nicholas Basbanes
Student Book
Collecting Contest

First Prize $500
Second Prize $200
Third Prize $50

This contest is open to both Undergraduate and Graduate students

Entry Deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday, February 7, 2020

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Direct Questions to Randi Rousseau at 508-793-7156 or rrousseau@clarku.edu
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The Official Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to all currently enrolled full-time Clark University students, according to University regulations.

2. The collection should be made of at least 25 books or similar items (e.g., pamphlets, periodicals, broadsides, postcards, musical scores). All of these materials must be owned and been collected by the student alone.

3. The submission will include:
   a. A cover sheet with the entrant’s name, address, telephone number, email address, the title of the collection, and whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student.
   b. A brief statement (less than five pages using Times New Roman 12 point font) of the purpose of the collection, a description of how it was brought together, and ideas for its future development.
   c. A bibliography that lists the items that make up the collection. At least 10 of the entries on the list must be annotated by describing the volume and its importance to the collection and/or the collector.

4. Principal criteria for the judging of each collection will be the extent to which it represents a well-defined theme or field of interest. The judges will also consider the creativity, thoughtfulness, and dedication evident in the defining and creating of the collection. The judges also want to see that the collector appreciates the items in the collection, rather than having purchased them solely because they were required for class. The age, rarity, or monetary value of the individual items in the collection is less important than how significant and intrinsically interesting the collection is when considered as a whole. As long as there are at least 25 items, a smaller, better-defined collection is generally better than a larger, but less focused one.

5. Collections that have previously won this contest are ineligible.

6. You must submit the statement and bibliography to Randi Rousseau, Acting Head of Collections Management at Goddard Library no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, February 7, 2020. You can either drop off a paper copy at the library or email it if it is in PDF or a Word document. These will be used for preliminary judging. Finalists will be asked to take their collections to the library for the final judging.