LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas Libraries and Oread Books are accepting entries for the 53rd annual Snyder Book Collecting Contest. All KU students (undergraduate and graduate) are eligible to enter.

The contest features $2,400 in prizes, including gift cards from Oread Books and monetary awards generated by the Snyder Book Collecting Contest fund at KU Endowment.

Contest judges will include a former prizewinner. Based on entries, first place, second place and two honorable mentions are possible in undergraduate and graduate divisions.

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, March 23. To learn more about contest details and rules, visit www.lib.ku.edu/snyder or contact Courtney Foat at cfoat@ku.edu or 785-864-3601.

The Snyder Book Collecting Contest awards program will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, in Watson Library. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature a reception and opportunity to view student collections from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dean Lorraine J. Haricombe will present student awards at 6:30 p.m., and Arthur Young, dean of University Libraries and professor emeritus at Northern Illinois University, will present the keynote address at 6:45 p.m. Young’s address is entitled “Horatio Alger, Jr.: Juvenile Writer, Enduring Icon, and Collectible Author.” To RSVP for the event, Courtney Foat at cfoat@ku.edu or 785-864-3601.

Winning collections will be exhibited on Level 2 of the Kansas Union, between Oread Books and the KU Bookstore.