RCC Library sale offers famous author autographs

GRANTS PASS — Autographs donated by famous writers ranging from Maya Angelou to Kurt Vonnegut can be purchased at Rogue Community College’s 2005 Library Book Sale.

The annual sale, which is under way at the library on RCC’s Redwood Campus, Grants Pass, also offers a number of rare and unusual books along with many paperback and hardcover volumes. Proceeds buy new equipment and materials.

This year’s sale boasts a new feature: library catalog cards signed by well-known writers and suitable for framing.

“We are selling signed catalog cards – real autographs from famous authors,” said Marian Stoner, circulation services coordinator. “When the card catalog was discarded we saved some of the cards and sent them to the authors who then signed and returned them. Michael Crichton even sent a signed photo.”

Larry McMurtry signed nine cards; other writers whose autographs are for sale include Sidney Sheldon, John Kenneth Galbraith, Jean Auel, Ann Rule, and Gary Snyder.

Prices range from about $15 to $25 each, and cards come with a copy of the original letter sent out with the request. The Crichton photo costs $75. Hardbound books sell for $1 and paperback books cost 50 cents.

For more information call the Redwood Campus Library, 956-7152.

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