

Lawrence Clark Powell to speak at meeting of UCSD Library Friends

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Lawrence Clark Powell, Dean of the School of Library Service, University of California, Los Angeles, will be guest speaker at the spring meeting of the Friends of the UCSD Library on Thursday, April 30.

The group, which was formed last year to support the Library of the University of California, San Diego, will meet at 8:00 p.m. in Sumner Auditorium2 Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Friends of the Library and their guests are invited to attend.

The subject of Dr. Powell's talk will be "The Three L's."

Dr. Powell is well known to book collectors through his books and his column "Western Books and Writers" in Westways magazine. Among his many delightful books on reading, writers, and adventures in book collecting are Books in My Baggage, Southwestern Book Trails, The Alchemy of Books and Robinson Jeffers, the Man and His World. Dr. Powell was among the first to recognize the importance of the late poet of the Big Sur coast, whose play Mede (with Judith Anderson) was one of the stirring theatrical experiences of the postwar decade.

Dr. Powell is not only a writer, book-collector, and gifted speaker, but one of America's outstanding librarians. He has been responsible for enriching UCLA's Library with such acquisitions as the C. K. Ogden library (80,000 volumes) and the Michael Sadleir collection of Victorian fiction. In addition, he has directed the development of the magnificent William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, which contains, among other things, priceless Dryden and Oscar Wilde collections. Dr. Powell, who considers librarianship a calling, has played a vital role in raising this profession to the status of an art.

After Dr. Powell's talk, there will be a business meeting with announcements about acquisitions and details of the Baja Symposium.