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***A Night at the State Library Pays Tribute to California Icon, Photographer and Environmentalist Ansel Adams***

SACRAMENTO- On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, A Night at the State Library presents *Ansel Adams, A California Icon* with Gary F. Kurutz, Special Collections Librarian Emeritus. Kurutz retired recently after serving thirty-two years as director of Special Collections at the California State Library. Kurutz is an expert on California and California Collections and has written extensively on both subjects. He is recognized on the national and local level and has received awards from many organizations including The Book Club of California, The California Historical Society, and the Oregon-California Trails Association, among many others. He will share his expertise on California photographer Ansel Adams in a spectacular illustrated presentation.

California native son, photographer and environmentalist, Ansel Adams, photographed many powerful images that reflect the beauty of Yosemite, the Southwest, Death Valley and our National Parks. This illustrated presentation contains three rarities of Ansel Adams' works that are held in the California State Library's collection. The collection includes *Parmelian Prints of the High Sierras*, his first portfolio published in 1927; *Taos Pueblo*, Adams' first book of photographs, featuring western landscapes and images from New Mexico, a fine press edition from 1930; and *Portfolio Three*, published in 1960, devoted to images of Yosemite Valley. It contains photographs taken between 1929 and 1959 and contains what Kurutz believes is Adams' most important photograph, *Monolith: The Face of Half Dome (1926)*.

**WHERE:** 900 N Street in Sacramento, CA

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 18. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m.

**RSVP:** [rfontaine@library.ca.gov](mailto:rfontaine@library.ca.gov) or 916-653-9942 - Event is free.

**A Night at the California State Library** continues the 162 year tradition of successfully connecting Californians to our collective history through its special event and is made possible by generous donations from the California State Library Foundation.

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