NEVADA WRITERS HALL OF FAME, WE'RE TURNING 25!

We're 25 years young this year! Secure your tickets soon, it's going to be a big celebration. The reception and awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 8, from 6–8pm in the Wells Fargo Auditorium in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

This year's inductee is none other than William A. Douglass, founder of the Center for Basque Studies at UNR. Included in his many career accomplishments, Douglass helped build the largest Basque library in the Western Hemisphere, edited the Basque Book Series (about 50 titles in print), has a lengthy list of publications to his name, and served as the Coordinator for the Center of Basque Studies for over 33 years. Douglass's publications include: Amerikanauk: Basques in the New World (1975, with Jon Bilboa), as well as the oral histories Beltran, Basque Sheepman of the American West (1979) and Tap Dancing on Ice: The Life and Times of a Nevadan Gaming Pioneer (1996) about his father, one of the founding partners of Reno's Club Cal Neva and the Comstock Hotel-Casino.

Silver Pen receipts this year are Elizabeth Raymond and Claire Vaye Watkins.

Raymond is a cultural historian of place, who teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. history at the University. She is the author or editor of four books: George Wingfield: Owner and Operator of Nevada (1992); with Peter Goin, Stopping Time: A Rephotographic Survey of Lake Tahoe (1992); and with co-editor Ronald James, Comstock Women: The Making of a Mining Community (1997). Her most recent book is Changing Mines in America (2004).

Watkins, teaches creative writing at Bucknell University and the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference. Claire Vaye Watkins was born in Bishop, and she was raised in the Mojave Desert, first in Tecopa, California and then across the state line in Pahrump, Nevada. Her stories and essays have appeared in Granta, One Story, The Paris Review, Ploughshares, Glimmer Train, Best of the West 2011: New Stories From the Wide Side of the Missouri, and elsewhere. Her collection of short stories, Battleborn, was released by Riverhead Books on August 2, 2012. She is a graduate of the University of Nevada Reno.

For more information, visit the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame website, call (775) 682-6014, or email jgillen@unr.edu.

STUDENTS LEARN WHILE THEY PLAY AT THE FIRST ANNUAL KNOWLEDGE CENTER FALL FAIR

Staff and faculty came up with a creative way to engage and educate students this fall: the first annual Knowledge Center Fall Fair. Crowds of students gathered in front of the Knowledge Center on September 18 to get a taste of what the Libraries have to offer. The sun beat down, the snowcone's and popcorn flew off the tables, and students became better informed as they explored the Libraries services through fun and interactive activities.
CARDBOARD GANDHI SCULPTURE ON DISPLAY AT THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER

Ever been accused of having a Gandhi complex? Art professor, Joseph Delappe can relate. In fact, it was that very accusation that sent him on a mission to build the monumental 19-foot Gandhi sculpture which is currently on display in the Knowledge Center. Also on display is a mini Gandhi, a plastic replica which was created with the Libraries' 3D printer. Read more in Nevada Today, Reno.com, RGJ, and on Delappe's website. Cardboard Gandhi will be on display through mid November.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OPENS POLITICAL EXHIBIT

Politics are in the air, and the Special Collections department is hopping on the band wagon with their latest exhibit: Politics of Our Past. Staff dug deep into the vaults to put together an informative exhibit of photos and manuscript materials highlighting Nevada's democratic process. For more information, visit the Special Collections website, call 775-682-5665, or email: specoll@unr.edu. The exhibit will be up through February 2013.

BURNING INQUIRY, THE EXHIBIT

Another exciting exhibit is also planned for the Knowledge Center this fall. Burning Inquiry: Burning Man at UNR will give you the chance to get up close and personal with "burner" culture and art. The exhibit will include photos and artifacts from various artists, and Burning Man related items from Special Collections. In addition, join us for a lecture titled “Black Rock City and Beyond: Community and Place at Burning Man" by Deborah A. Boehm, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Women's Studies/Gender, Race, and Identity at UNR, on Wednesday, October 24 at 7pm in the Wells Fargo Auditorium. The exhibit will run during the month of October and will be located on the first floor of the Knowledge Center. For more information click here, or email Rudy Leon at rleon@unr.edu or call (775) 682-5601.

A GOOD BUY: 3D PRINTERS FOR DELAMARE LIBRARY

The 3D printers at DeLaMare Library haven’t come up for air following the news that DeLaMare was the first academic library in the U.S. to offer 3D printing and scanning as a library service. Both 3D printers are in constant
use, the interviews and articles have rolled in, and DeLa Mare even hosted special guest Travis Good from Make magazine for a discussion about libraries and the makerspace movement. Read more here: Library Journal, RN&R, NEVADA Today, KT VN, ACRL Tech Connect, Engineering.com, FOX 11, NCET, MyNews4, On 3D Printing, This Is Reno, Daily Sparks Tribune, and TMC.net.

FOR THE LITTLE HISTORIAN WITHIN

If you get a little sentimental about “days of yore” when faced with historical documents and artifacts, you’re going to love this. Special Collections has started an experiment to transcribe handwritten materials held within the department, and they want your help. Help us transcribe the first summer school diary which was created between 1912-1914. Take a look here. Try it; your inner historian with thank you, and Special Collections will too!

SPECIAL GUESTS VISIT THE LIBRARIES

The Libraries have hosted a number of special guests over the past few months:

On August 24, Governor Brian Sandoval stopped by the @One studio in the Knowledge Center to rehearse his Republican National Convention speech with the aid of our helpful staff and our teleprompter.

Knowledge Center building namesake Mr. Charles Mathewson visited on August 28 to present a $1 million check to President Johnson and College of Business dean Greg Mosier, to establish the Charles N. Mathewson Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

70 National Association of Industrial and Office Properties members toured the Knowledge Center during Northern Nevada Business Week (September 17-21).

M. Kathleen Kern, incoming president of the Reference & User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, toured the Knowledge Center on September 14, and also gave a lecture to a group of librarians.

On August 16, Dean of UNLV Libraries, Patricia Iannuzzi presented a workshop titled Contributions to Student Learning: A Practical Approach.

OTHER LIBRARIES NEWS:

- The Libraries have just implemented OneSearch, a new online search tool. OneSearch allows seamless searching across a wide array of databases. Try it here.
- UNR is one of eight institutions world-wide to be using the latest cloud-based research tool (read more here). Mendeley is a reference manager and academic social network that helps researchers organize their work, collaborate with others online, and discover the latest research. It also provides data dashboards that are designed to give libraries insight into the way researchers work and use library-provided collections at the document level.
- They’re only two years old and they’re the biggest darling in the social media world. Take a few minutes to enjoy Pinterest, and some of the latest pins on the University Libraries boards. Jump onboard, even the Obamas have Pinterest accounts.

JUST FOR FUN

I was visiting my son-in-law and daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. ”This is the 21st century, old man,” he said. ”We don’t waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad.” I can tell you, that fly never
BY THE NUMBERS

The Libraries new online search tool, OneSearch, was used for 82,614 searches during the month of September. This works out to be an average of 2,754 searches a day. The top two searches: "school vouchers" and "school bullying."

FOR THE ONLINE SAVVY:

To keep in the loop, consider "liking" the following Facebook pages:

- Special Collections
- Basque Library
- Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center
- Silver & Blue

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