A GREAT AFTERNOON DISCUSSING POLITICS OF YESTERYEAR

On Sunday February 10, hundreds of guests joined the Special Collections department at the University Libraries for the opening of Senator Richard Bryan's papers and to hear a panel discussion: "Dishin' The Old Political Dirt, What Really Happened in Nevada Politics." There were so many in attendance in fact, that an overflow room was used. The panel discussion was moderated by Keith Lee and the panelists included Senator Bryan, Patricia D. Cafferata, Marlene Lockard and Sue Wagner. Prior to the panel event, a small private reception was held in Special Collections for the official opening of Senator Bryan's papers, which are now available for public use. See and read some of the coverage: RGJ and KTVN.

UNR HISTORY, GET A VISUAL

It's time to scrub up on your UNR history, and we have just the tool to help you do that. Take a look at the tiki-toki timeline, which has been a long time wish of digital collections. The timeline is a remarkable way to view UNR's history over the years. The link is also available on the Libraries web page.

A GOOD YEAR TO LOOK BACK ON

Despite big changes and challenges, 2011-2012 turned out to be a good year for the Libraries. The Libraries helped students gain sophisticated information seeking skills, assisted scholars with research, introduced new technologies to the campus, collaborated with community partners on a variety of events and received national attention due to innovative projects in DeLaMare and Special Collections. To be reminded of the year that was, browse the annual report with its highlights of last year's activities and accomplishments, here.
TURNING TEXT INTO SPEECH IN @ONE

Sometimes, it's the little things we take for granted, like being able to read a computer screen. @One has taken that difficulty away for students with reading disabilities by introducing new technology which assists them when reading a computer screen. A select number of computers located in @One now feature TextAloud, a software program which converts Word documents, emails, web pages and PDF files into speech to help students with dyslexia or other reading disabilities to listen to the text while viewing it. Read more here.

LOVING OUR STUDENTS, ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

End of year is one of the busiest and most stressful times for students during their college life, so the Libraries decided to help them out. Students were treated to a Free Coffee and Information Event, which resulted in the consumption of 35 gallons of coffee and 800 cookies. More importantly, students received much needed research help from librarians. Overheard from a student on their phone: "I'm at the Library. They're giving us coffee and cookies…because our Library is awesome and they love us."

MANY THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

Over the years, alumna Elizabeth Ray '78M.Ed. has financially supported the Libraries, from the Knowledge Center's construction campaign to providing ongoing support for the Libraries acquisition of materials. Her most recent support has been to establish the Elizabeth S. Ray Library Fund for Geography and Geology to advance the scope of geography and geology materials.

Duncan and Mary Ann Aldrich started a small monthly donation in the early 1990s. Fast forward to 2013 and the small monthly donations have reached the point of becoming an endowment. The endowment is named the Duncan and Mary Ann Aldrich Library Endowment for Professional Development in recognition of their 20-plus years of support and Aldrich's 27 years of service to the Libraries.

Thank you Elizabeth, Duncan and Mary Ann for your ongoing support of the Libraries. To learn more about supporting the Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FLOCK TO LIBRARIES FOR HISTORY DAY

145 middle and high school students converged in the Knowledge Center in February for "A Day at the Library" to prepare for National History Day projects. "A Day at the Library" is a special opportunity for students to get a glimpse of life on campus, work on their college readiness skills and learn some college research strategies. See the coverage: KRNV and KTVN.

NEVADA WRITERS HALL OF FAME AND SILVER PEN NEWS

If you need a good read, one with a down and out Vegas blackjack dealer who dreams of a greater life - this may very well be the book for you. Nevada Writer's Hall of Fame alum H. Lee Barnes (2009) has just published his latest book, Cold Deck. The book follows a likeable character while revealing the ins and outs of the gambling world in Vegas and the temptation to scam a very wealthy casino. Read a review here and buy it here.
Claire Vay Watkins (Silver Pen 2012) is taking the literary world by storm with her latest book *Battleborn* (August, 2012). Vay Watkins has already had significant recognition for her collection of short stories about Nevada, and in March she got an even greater nod by winning two major literary prizes in one day: the Rosenthal Family Foundation Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and the Story Prize. Read the NPR article [here](http://www.npr.org). 

A GREAT NEW APP COMING TO RENO

Imagine walking around Reno and at the press of a button being able to pull up historical information about the location you are standing in. Such an app, is currently underway thanks to a Nevada Humanities grant given to Special Collections. The grant will fund the licensing of a mobile app that will use familiar, user-friendly technology to engage learners with map-based tours of local environments and provide historical context about the places, and the people who populated our past. Dr. Alicia Barber’s spring 2013 Public History class will be creating content for the app and Special Collections will be closely involved. To get an idea of the final goal, take a look at the Cleveland Historical site.

OTHER LIBRARIES NEWS:

- DeLaMare continues to receive much attention because of their makerspace brilliance (makerspace refers to a gathering place used to create, and share resources and knowledge). This time in American Libraries magazine as one of “Three Makerspace Models That Work”, in *The Case for a Campus Makerspace* by Hack Education and in New Media Consortium in their *Horizon Report 2013 Higher Education Edition*.
- Librarians article on the challenges faced with e-books in the academic library was features as the “Article of the Week” in the online publication *Against the Grain* (an online publication about libraries, publishers and books).
- Basque Library gets national exposure on the Digital Public Library of America’s website.
- Smallwood Multimedia Bootcamp graduate polishes animation skills and creates an animation short.
- UNR film club wins category in the National Film Challenge short film competition. @One provided all equipment, meeting space, post-production software and equipment, and the assistance of staff.
- DeLaMare Library set to host Internationals Space Apps Challenge “hacking” event by NASA in April.

PHOTO PICK
BY THE NUMBERS
244: the average number of prints produced by DeLaMare's 3D printers. As of December, the 3D printer now prints in red, blue, green, yellow and black (in addition to white).

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