MEDIA TECHNOLOGY: PAST & PRESENT

On display in the Whittemore Gallery of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is the exhibit *Media Technology, Past and Present*. Through this exhibit, visitors will enjoy a visual display of media technological leaps.

Mark Gandolfo, lead curator and Director of Digital Media Technology, stated "It is fascinating to view the analogue to digital evolution in media production technology through these artifacts on display. Students are amazed at the size and amount of equipment needed for past high quality multi-media production."

The exhibit surrounds you with samples of the tools used to create TV, motion pictures, music and more. Pieces to admire range from a turn-of-the-century wax cylinder player, 1970s television studio equipment and a collection of well-preserved still photograph cameras ranging back to the 1940s. Visitors will also find several interactive elements, including a side-by-side comparison of antiquated versus contemporary video streaming.

*Media Technology* is presented by the Knowledge Center and was made possible through a grant from IGT and with the cooperation of Tim Stoffel, Tom Gordon, Imirage Sound Lab, KNPB-TV Channel 5 and KOLO Channel 8. Don't miss this fascinating exhibit on display through June 2016.

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4TH ANNUAL RENO HACKATHON

Saturday, April 23 through Sunday, April 24 DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library will once again host the Reno Hackathon sponsored by Microsoft. This 24-hour app development competition aims to bring together students, developers and entrepreneurs.

Reno Hackathon Facebook page »

VERY SPECIAL VISITOR

The University Libraries were thrilled to provide a tour of Special Collections for U.S. Senator Harry Reid. Senator Reid is donating his personal papers to the University of Nevada, Reno Libraries Special Collections, a trove of almost 35 years of documents and electronic files that will provide treasure for researchers seeking to understand the powerful Nevadan and his role in recent U.S. history.

"There are so many pivotal issues that I think will be illuminated by Senator Reid's
papers,” said Dean of Libraries Kathy Ray, “We all feel this sense of stewardship about making sure we do the best job of making these materials available and helping people use them, especially historians.”

Ray said a portion of material will be embargoed at Reid's request for release 15 years after he retires. Karen Paul, an archivist in the U.S. Senate Historical Office, said it is not unusual for senators to write embargoes into agreements for their official papers.

Special Collections is also the caretaker of manuscript collections donated by former Senators Paul Laxalt, Alan Bible, and Richard Bryan, as well as former Representatives Barbara Vucanovich and Jim Santini.

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**PAUL LAXALT’S REAGAN YEARS: CAMPAIGNS, ELECTIONS AND THE ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

Our Special Collections Department is pleased to announce that the Ronald Reagan materials found in the Paul Laxalt U. S. Senatorial Papers are now available for use. The collection showcases the friendship between the two politicians and was processed through a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Nevada State Library and Archives.

Check out our online exhibit of selected photos and documents here: [http://guides.library.unr.edu/laxalt-reagan/](http://guides.library.unr.edu/laxalt-reagan/)
UPSTART CROW, SHAKESPEARE IN NORTHERN NEVADA

Special Collections opens a new exhibit, Upstart Crow, Shakespeare in Northern Nevada, as part of Shakespeare 400, the national commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The exhibit will examine the impact of Shakespeare both past and present in Northern Nevada. Materials to be displayed range from the flourishing 1800's Virginia City Shakespearean theater scene and to the modern Lake Tahoe Shakespeare festival. A high point of the exhibit will be the original Merchant of Venice from the first through fourth folios.

Mark your calendars for the new Special Collections exhibit debuting on April 1, 2016 on the 3rd floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO MARS

No, not the red planet! The Mathewson Automated Retrieval System (MARS) was open to the public on February 4 for two hours. Library staff were kept busy during that time as 170 visitors checked out the robotic book retrieval system. Veronica Valencia coordinates these tours each semester, along with a team of volunteers who help in planning the event and guiding patrons to see the system. The next open house will be at the beginning of the fall semester.

SILVER PEN RECIPIENT MARK MAYNARD CHOSEN FOR 2016-2017 NEVADA READS!

We are happy to announce that The Nevada Center for the Book has chosen *Grind*, by Mark Maynard, as the 2016-2017 Nevada Reads title. Maynard received a Silver Pen award from the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 2015. Nevada Reads! is the state's first "one read" program, with people from throughout Nevada reading a selected text and then coming together to discuss the work at lectures, book clubs, and various panel events.

The Nevada Reads! program also noted the success of the most recent title, *We Are Called to Rise*, by Laura McBride, another 2015 Silver Pen recipient. The Nevada Writers Hall of Fame clearly chooses well.
WRITERS HALL OF FAME MEMBER ADRIAN LOUIS (1999) HAS A NEW BOOK OUT

In his latest collection, *Random Exorcisms*, Adrian C. Louis writes poems with the rough-edged wit and heart-wrenching sincerity that make him one of the seminal voices in contemporary American poetry. Deeply rooted in Native American traditions and folklore, these poems tackle a broad range of subjects, including Facebook, zombies, horror movies, petty grievances, real grief, and pure political outrage. In a style entirely his own, Louis writes hilarious, genuine, self-deprecating poems that expel a great many demons, including any sense of isolation a reader might feel facing a harsh and lonely world.

See more at: [http://lsupress.org/books/detail/random-exorcisms/](http://lsupress.org/books/detail/random-exorcisms/)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Special Collections Exhibit  
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**Crimson Rose: The Art and Culture of Fire Dance**  
Thursday, April 7, 2016  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Wells Fargo Auditorium | Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center  
University of Nevada, Reno  
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