SUMMER EXHIBIT
IN THE MATHEWSON-IGT KNOWLEDGE CENTER

The Art of Gaming +

Neon signs, showgirls, slot machines, casino art. The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is looking much like a casino this summer as the Special Collections department presents their latest summer exhibit: The Art of Gaming +. The opening reception on July 7 brought in hundreds of guests to tour the exhibit, meet the artists and enjoy the company of four dazzling showgirls. This exhibit, held in conjunction with Artown, showcases imaginative and

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President Obama nominates Jacquelyn Sundstrand to serve on national board

Jacquelyn Sundstrand, associate professor and the Manuscripts and Archives Librarian in Special Collections is relishing in both the honor and the excitement of having been selected for a five-year appointment by President Barack Obama to serve on the Institute of Museum and Library Services Board (IMLS)*. President Obama said, “I am grateful that these impressive individuals have chosen to dedicate their talents to serving the American people at this important time for our country. I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead.”

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"Number Twenty, or We’re Back to the Pasture" by Dwight Davidson
whimsical interpretations of gambling and casino life, along with conceptual and advertising art of the industry. The show centers around sculptures that were commissioned by the Stremmel Gallery for Harrah’s Casino in 1995. It also features the artistry of slot machines, casino shows, showgirl costumes, neon signs, historical photographs and more. For more information, including building hours, call 775-682-5665, email specoll@unr.edu or visit KnowledgeCenter.unr.edu.

This free exhibit will remain open until September 15.

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Sundstrand received a call from U.S. Senator Harry Reid’s office nearly a year ago informing her that she was being considered by the President for the position. Last fall she went through an extensive vetting process and was finally notified of her nomination for a seat on the board in mid-April. She then flew to Washington D.C. for her induction and first board meeting, where she was greeted by “poised, warm and wonderful” first lady Michelle Obama. The oath of office was administered by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer at the Supreme Court building. According to Jacqueyn, “All of this was so thrilling and not at all like any other board meeting I’ve had, or will have, with our organizations and I pinched myself black and blue!”

Jacque attended an IMLS board meeting while in D.C. She will have additional board meetings via phone conferences over the next months and a second in-person meeting this year.

*The National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB) is an advisory body that includes the director and deputy directors of the IMLS and twenty presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services. Informed by its collectively vast experience and knowledge, the NMLSB advises the IMLS director on general policy and practices, and on selections for the National Medals for Museum and Library Service.*
An afternoon discussing politics of yesteryear

Dishin’ The Old Political Dirt: What Really Happened in Nevada Politics

This past February, hundreds of guests joined Special Collections 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. So many attended, in fact, that the session was streamed live from the Wells Fargo Auditorium to a nearby overflow room to accommodate the crowd. 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 reception was held in Special Collections for the official opening of Senator Bryan’s papers, which are now available for public use. The discussion was held as an extended event supporting a Special Collections exhibit titled Politics of Our Past, an exhibit highlighting Nevada’s democratic process.

High school students go high tech at Smallwood Multimedia Boot Camp

Ten local high school students attended a different kind of boot camp this past June at the Knowledge Center. The students were chosen through a competitive application process to be participants in the third annual Smallwood Foundation Multimedia Boot Camp. Over the course of two weeks, they lugged high-tech equipment around campus with their @One entourage close behind, while receiving rigorous instruction and hands-on experience in a wide range of media and research activities.

“The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center impresses everyone who steps through its doors,” said Kathy Ray, dean of University Libraries. “It is such a terrific resource for our students. We believe exposing high school students to the Knowledge Center will help them realize all this University has to offer and will aid in recruitment efforts.”

The two week multimedia crash course is made possible by a generous grant from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation and the hard work of the @One crew. All Smallwood participants are given access to the Knowledge Center and its resources throughout their senior year in high school.

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High school students flock to the Knowledge Center for National History Day

One hundred and forty-five 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. This event gave students the chance to spend a day at the University, learn more about Nevada history, and learn some basic research strategies as they got a glimpse at life on campus. Students also got to hear presentations by Libraries staff, and they even had the chance to examine unique items from Special Collections.

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 being developed 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 and provide historical context about the places, and the people who populated our past.

TEDxReno, heard around the world

Thousands of viewers tuned in locally, nationally and from as far away as Germany and Japan, to watch the TEDxReno lecture series held at the Nevada Museum of Art in April. In addition, there was a “packed house” with 130-140 at the event and who-knows-how-many more watching a live stream from four locations around Reno. Tod Colegrove, head of DeLaMare Library, was one of the lead presenters. Tod spoke about the library of the future and the successful changes made at DeLaMare over the past year. Tod was also quoted in a Reno Gazette Journal earlier this year in an article related to Reno’s rebirth for the successful implementation of makerspaces at DeLaMare. You can watch Tod’s presentation on www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvE0gHhK3ss.

Zombies at DeLaMare

In March, DeLaMare Library held a ghoulish, yet unique outreach event to help students “survive the library,” a zombie student outreach event. With only 30 slots available, the spots were filled up within 48 hours of the event announcement. The lucky 30 had the chance to learn all-you-need-to-know-about-DeLaMare from the students’ standpoint while working their way through the four floors of the Library solving challenges while under the pressure of zombies stalking them. One student said: “This is so much fun – it should be, like, every Friday!”

Pooches

It’s become an annual tradition, and it doesn’t look like it’s going away. Eight lovable therapy dogs from Paws4Love came to the Knowledge Center in May to help students decompress before final exams. The dogs wagged their tails, enjoyed hugs and pats, posed for photos, shed fur, drooled a little, and then trotted back home. This is the third time the pooches have stopped by the Knowledge Center to help out our students during one of their busiest times on campus. One student was overheard to say, “This is now officially the best day ever!”

Coffee and Cookies

End of year is one of the busiest and most stressful times for students during their college life, so the Libraries decided to offer a Free Coffee and Information Event over two evenings in December. End result: the consumption of 35 gallons of coffee, 76 cups of tea, 2 gallons of skim milk, 2 gallons of half and half, 4 boxes of soy milk, and untold numbers of sugar, honey and lemon packets. Not to mention 800 cookies. More importantly, students received much needed research help from librarians. The following was 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.”

To make a gift and become a friend of the University Libraries visit: www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/libraries/support/ or contact Millie Mitchell at 775-682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

REACHING OUT TO STUDENTS
HANDS-ON IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Library Board member Janice Pine and a few close friends stopped by Special Collections in January to get up close and personal with some treasured items. This exclusive white gloves event gave guests the opportunity to learn more about the rare treasures in Special Collections and University Archives and the chance to study select items closely, with glove encased hands. Some of the 20+ items on display included the Nuremberg Chronicle, the Alan Bible papers, University of Nevada, Reno’s ceremonial mace, and a letter by Sarah Winemucca.

LEGACY SOCIETY AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES PROBE THE FUTURE OF THE BOOK

Dozens of University Foundation donors and Friends of the Libraries gathered in the Rotunda of the Knowledge Center this spring for a reception and lecture by Christopher Coake, fiction writer and University of Nevada, Reno associate professor of English. During his lecture, titled The Future of the Book, Part II: The Novel, Coake spoke about technology and the way books are written, sold, and read.
When hacking is a good thing

DeLaMare Library is becoming Reno’s one-stop shop for hacking events. This past winter, DeLaMare was abuzz with hacker activity for Microsoft’s 24-hour Hackathon, during which hackers worked over 24 hours to create apps for the new Windows 8 platform. The energy drinks flew off the shelves and the pizza was consumed in a manner that would leave any pizza store owner grinning from ear to ear as over 70 registered participants, and a number of non-registered ones hacked. There were over 130 in attendance, with around half of those being University students. The result: 31 apps submitted to the Windows 8 app store, and happy students being awarded $100 per app submitted. The winning app, a zombie game, was created by a University student, who received a Microsoft Surface tablet to go along with the winning prestige. This event is a prime example of how the Libraries encourage students to create, while building bridges with the community.

University students and members of the community participate in Microsoft’s 24-hour Hackathon. Photos by Nick Crowd

A “Fun Fearless Latina” at the Libraries

Recent graduate Shirley Diaz, a former student employee at the Libraries, received national recognition this year when she was named one of 12 “Fun Fearless Latinas” by Cosmopolitan for Latinas’ magazine. Shirley is co-founder of the University’s DreamGirls International Outreach and Mentoring Program, she was an active leader at the Center for Student Cultural Diversity, and was a star student assistant at the Library Services desk for four years. Shirley went to New York this spring for a special luncheon and Honorary CoverGirl photo shoot. She was recognized alongside actress Michelle Rodriguez and Today Show host Natalie Morales.

KEEPING UP WITH WRITER’S HALL OF FAME AND SILVER PEN ALUMNI

Don’t fall behind on reading the latest works by our favorite group of honorees:

H. Lee Barnes (2009 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame) Cold Deck and Car Tag
Ellen Hopkins (2006 Silver Pen) Collateral and Tilt
Susan Palwick (2006 Silver Pen) Mending the Moon and Brief Visits: Sonnets from a Volunteer Chaplain
Richard Moreno (2007 Silver Pen) A Short History of Carson City
Claire Vaye Watkins (2012 Silver Pen) Battleborn

Shirley Diaz
WordPress conference brings out of state visitors to the Knowledge Center

In April, the annual Reno-Tahoe WordCamp conference was held at the Knowledge Center for the third consecutive year. The two-day conference brought together local and national experts to discuss all things related to the free, open-source content management system known as WordPress. More than 150 people attended with about 50 percent of the attendees coming from other parts of the country. This conference provides the Libraries with an opportunity to collaborate with the local business community, while showcasing the Knowledge Center to visitors from across the country.

Our digital collections have a strong presence in national libraries site

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) was launched earlier this year to great acclaim. Even more exciting: over 18,000 items (out of a total of 68,500) came from the Libraries digital collections. A great deal of hard work has gone into building the University’s digital collections, which is now being reflected as one of the founding collections of the DPLA. Visit www.dp.la to access the riches of America’s libraries, archives, and museums.

MANY THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

Over the years, Alumna Elizabeth Ray (’78M.Ed.) has financially supported the University Libraries, from the Knowledge Center’s construction campaign to providing ongoing support for the 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.

A $1.7 million gift from the late Betty Heaston was given to the Knowledge Center last fall. Betty was a strong supporter of higher education, always encouraging young people to go to college. A small portion of the gift will be used to meet current needs in the Knowledge Center and the remainder will be used to establish the Betty Y. Heaston Endowment.

We are extremely grateful for these generous gifts. To learn more about supporting the Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, 775-682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.
LATEST LIBRARIES STATS

1,646 feet – the amount of posters (in length) printed in @One’s poster hub in May 2013

2,869 – the number of users logged in to Lynda.com, an online learning tool provided by the Libraries

2,754 – the average amount of searches per day on OneSearch, the Libraries new online search tool

FOR THE ONLINE SAVVY

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Special Collections and the University’s Oral History Program make transcripts available online

Nearly 50 years’ worth of Nevadan voices are now available at your fingertips, and Special Collections helped make it possible. Nevada’s early gaming days, civil rights, and immigration issues are just a drop in the bucket of what is now open and available to the public for free through the Oral History Program. The Oral History Program teamed up with Special Collections to make 577 transcripts of interviews available through online databases. The structure for the digitization of the materials was created by Special Collections. This news was picked up by The Associated Press and went on to receive national media coverage. Visit www.oralhistory.unr.edu to access the transcripts.