Welcome to the first edition of Knowledge Matters, an email newsletter for donors and friends of the University Libraries.

The University Libraries (Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library, Basque Library, and Savitt Medical Library) are among the University's most essential assets. I am pleased to report that the latest technologies and resources provided to students are being used at full capacity. As we enter our third year of operation in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, here are some interesting statistics:

- Over 1.0 million visitors have walked through our doors, since we opened in August 2008.
- Librarians have given 497 instruction sessions, helping visitors better use the Knowledge Center's resources.
- We have conducted over 268 tours in the five-story, 295,000-square-foot building.
- An average of 345 posters are printed monthly in @One, which amounts to almost four football fields in length.
- The Internet is accessed over 50,000 times a month from the 365 computers located throughout the facility.

In short, we are busy – especially at the Knowledge Center, which has become the new focal point for the campus. We hope Knowledge Matters will keep you abreast of our successes, services, resources and events.

Steve Zink
Vice President for Information Technology and Dean of University Libraries

Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

In 1988, the Friends of the University Libraries established the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame as an event to honor Nevada's finest writers and to encourage excellence among emerging and mid-career authors in the Silver State.

Now in its 23rd year, this year's Nevada Writer's Hall of Fame reception and induction ceremony is set for Thursday evening, November 4. Darrell Spencer will be honored with the Writers Hall of Fame medal, and Terri Farley and John L. Smith will be recognized as the 2010 Silver Pen recipients.

For information or to purchase tickets, click here or call (775) 682-6014.

Special Collections Exhibit - Honoring the Horse

Running through March 31, 2010 the Special Collections Department at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is hosting exhibits honoring the horses that have helped shape Nevada's history and image. Admission is free. Click here for more information, or call (775) 682-5665.
Ever wondered if new technologies will cause the death of the book?

Read what Steve Zink, Vice President for Information Technology and Dean of University Libraries, an expert in this field, has to say… here.

More Noteworthy News

Music professor showcases prodigious teaching and performing skills at free series in Knowledge Center
http://www.unr.edu/discover-nevada/nevada-stories/features-2010/santAmbrogio/

New Web site demonstrates advances in digital mapping

Nevada System of Higher Education receives National Science Foundation award
http://knowledgecenter.unr.edu/libraries/support/news_other.aspx

Online Course Wins International Exemplary Course Award

Legacy gift to University Libraries