When the Archives Get Social: The Joe McDonald and Leola Lewis Project. Follow the lives of two UNR student's from the early 1900's through Special Collections' highly successful Joe and Leola Facebook project. With best wishes from all of us for the year ahead.

IT'S BACK, AND IT'S ALMOST TWICE THE SIZE!

If you're struggling to get into the holiday spirit this year, we have just the thing for you. Swing by the Knowledge Center for a quick visit. The soaring atrium is home to the second annual Holiday Book Tree, which stands at nearly 14 feet high and has nearly twice the number of books as the 2011 tree. Created from 600 volumes of the Pre-1956 National Union Catalog, this year's tree features 300 battery powered LED lights inside the tree stacks, which are turned on in the evening. According to research conducted by UNR librarians, it appears to be the biggest book tree ever built! Read more here.

Take a look at a time-lapse of the tree's construction here. For Knowledge Center hours click here.

(Pictured: Tree builders Alden Kamaunu and Larry Smith from the University of Nevada, Reno Libraries take a break after building the 2012 holiday book tree in the Knowledge Center.)

SAVE THE DATE: IF YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT NEVADA POLITICS, WE HAVE AN EVENT JUST FOR YOU.
In conjunction with the exhibit "Politics of our Past" at the University Libraries, the Special Collections department invites you to a panel discussion with former Nevada politicians.

Get a glimpse into Nevada's political past as panel members discuss Nevada's political scene and the stories and people behind the decisions. All this, from an insider's perspective.

The "Panel of Previous Politicians" will feature Nevada political players:

- Richard H. Bryan, former Nevada U. S. Senator and Governor
- Keith Lee, lawyer, lobbyist, political operative and former campaign manager
- Patricia Cafferata, member of Nevada Assembly, and 1st woman to hold office of Nevada State Treasurer (1982-1986)
- Sue Wagner, member of Nevada Assembly and Senate, and 1st woman to hold office of Nevada Lieutenant Governor (1990-1995)

**Sunday, February 10, 3:00 PM**
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center
Wells Fargo Auditorium, first floor

Complimentary parking available in the Brian Whalen Garage (opposite the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center).

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE LIBRARIES**

The University Libraries already has a lot to be thankful for, but recently another big reason for thanksgiving came into play: a $1.7 million gift from the late Betty Heaston. Betty, a Vermont native, moved to Reno in the 60's with her late husband, Jack, an engineer who invented equipment and secure systems for Keno games. Because Betty graduated from high school during the Great Depression, she was unable to pursue her dream of attending college. She did go on to become 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 this generous gift. Read more about the gift here: [RGJ](http://rgj.com), [Las Vegas Review-Journal](http://www.lvrj.com), [Nevada Today](http://www.nevadatoday.com) and [Carson Now](http://www.carsonnow.com).

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**25TH NEVADA WRITERS HALL OF FAME**

Miserable weather did not deter nearly 200 fans of literary Nevada who braved the snow and filled the auditorium in the Raggio Education Building to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Introduced by President Emeritus Joe Crowley, 2012 Hall of Fame recipient Bill Douglass and Silver Pen recipients Claire Vaye Watkins and Elizabeth Raymond accepted their awards and entertained the crowd with comments and readings. Celebrations were held before and after the ceremony as guests mingled with current and previous inductees and Silver Pen recipients. Watch [KNPB News](http://www.knpb.org) News Director Brent Boynton's interview with Bill Douglass and Cheryll Glotfelty, author of *Literary Nevada*, on [A Conversation](http://www.aconversation.com). See the photo gallery of the event [here](http://www.nevadatoday.com/special/events/special-photos-25th-nevada-writers-hall-of-fame-silicon-springs-festival).  

(Pictured: Claire Vaye Watkins, Bill Douglass and Elizabeth Raymond)

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**SILVER PEN ALUM NEWS**

November. The movie, which was filmed in Reno last year, was directed by Alan and Gabriel Polsky, and stars Dakota Fanning, Emile Hirsch, Stephen Dorff and Kris Kristofferson.

2006 Silver Pen Recipient and New York Times best-selling author Ellen Hopkins, has just published two new books. Collateral is a book about the men and women returning from war and the difficulties both our soldier and their loved ones face. Tilt is a wrenching story that explores the ways people find the strength to hold on when our world’s been tilted completely off its axis.

OTHER LIBRARIES NEWS:

- Hack4Reno held at DeLaMare Library: RGJ and Nevada Today.
- Libraries student employee writes article about concealed weapons on campus.
- @One and Teaching & Learning Technologies film documentary at Hidden Cave with Dr. David Hurst Thomas. Sneak peek footage here.
- Librarians present on the makerspace movement at the Consortium of College and University Media Centers held in Las Vegas: The Library: Once and Future Makerspace.
- Special Collections presents photography collection from Sierra Club Photography (1920-1960).

LATEST LIBRARY STAT:

1,218 - number of prints produced by the 3D printers since their introduction to UNR in May, 2012.
244 - the average number of prints produced every month by the 3D printers.

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