SAVE THE DATE FOR "FAR OUT"

Opening on July 1, Special Collections presents *Far Out: The University Art Scene from 1960-1975* exhibit. A sequel to the acclaimed 2011 summer exhibit *Post-war Bohemians in Northern Nevada*, the exhibit will feature a wide selection of two- and three-dimensional works and related historical materials from the next generation of leading-edge visual artists who flourished in and around the University's art community between 1960-1975. Join us for an opening reception, live music by Sopwith Camel and guided tours on Sunday, July 8 at 3:30PM. For more information, call 775-682-5665 or click [here](#).

BASQUE LIBRARIAN AWARDED UNR'S DISTINGUISHED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Shannon Sisco, Library Technician at the Basque Library, has been honored with the University's Distinguished Classified Employee of the Year award. The winner of this distinguished award is selected according to five criteria: concern for university goals, attitude with others, attitude towards work, quality of work and professional development accomplishments. Shannon received the award at the Honor the Best ceremony, and will also be recognized at the SEC Luncheon on June 6. Congratulations Shannon, the Basque Library is in excellent hands!

KNOWLEDGE CENTER WINS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Serials Solutions, a software provider for libraries, recently ran a photography contest during National Library week, April 8-14. The goal of the contest was to show the transformation of libraries in today's day and age. The winning entry went to Nick Crowl, from the KC's @One. Nick's brilliant photography captures how the KC is far more than just a building to house books. See Nick's winning photo essay [here](#).

JUST FOR FUN

Earth Week

In celebration of Earth Day, Knowledge Center employees created a giant "N" from recycled water bottles. Positioned next to the stairway in the atrium, the "N" stood 7' tall and 8' wide, and consisted of PVC pipe and 1,580 recycled bottles collected from the Knowledge Center. The masterpiece was also illuminated with blue LED lights which cast the equivalent of 1,000 watts but only use 97 watts. The "N" brought a lot of attention to the building: [Daily Sparks Tribune](#), [Channel 2 News](#), [Nevada Today](#), [This Is Reno](#), [Carson Now](#), and [FacilityBlog](#).
Pooches on the Porch

Paws 4 Love of Reno stopped by the KC to help students de-stress during finals week. One therapy rabbit and 14 therapy dogs entertain dozens of smiling students on the steps of the KC. Some students even asked about becoming involved with therapy dog work. See the photos here, and the television coverage here.

WHEN THE ARCHIVES GET SOCIAL

Following Special Collections highly successful Facebook project, a loyal band of followers are engaging daily with Special Collections’ to learn about UNR's history. Donnie Curtis, head of Special Collections, is recapping the project through interviews and lectures with institutions as far away as Australia, that plan to duplicate the project. Catch up with Joe and Leola on Facebook here and here. Read the TIME magazine article here.

YOUNG RESEARCHERS VISIT SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Special Collections hosted their youngest researchers when a group of fifth grade students from Tahoe Expedition Academy stopped by recently. Not letting age get in the way of some serious primary source research, students spent hours pouring over documents relating to Dr. James Church's snow survey work. Students, teachers and UNR staff found the experience so enjoyable, that a return trip was scheduled.

MEETING OUR USERS NEEDS THROUGH MOBILE DEVICES

Without even stepping into the Library, students can now reserve and renew books, check Libraries hours, reserve rooms…and the list goes on. In order to keep up with our students' favorite modes of communication, staff created a mobile phone "app" which allows the Libraries to be available within seconds at your fingertips, literally. Check out the new mobile app here.

SILVER PEN ALUM NEWS

Richard Moreno, Silver Pen recipient in 2007 has recently released three books, one of which covers the fascinating history of Nevada’s capital city: A Short History of Carson City. For more information, or to purchase his books, click here.

Don Waters, 2008 Silver Pen recipient, recently spoke to Outside Magazine and NPR about his quest to learn more about a father he never knew by reading his unpublished memoirs. Read the Outside Magazine story here. Listen to Water's NPR's Talk to the Nation interview here.

REMEMBERING MARTHA JONES NOV. 3 1912 - FEB. 8 2012

Clarence and Martha Jones’ philanthropy to UNR was nothing short of remarkable, especially to the University Libraries. The Jones family helped purchase books, magazines and electronic resources, and create the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in the Getchell Libray, and of course our own Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives in the KC. Clarence was also a revered member of the Friends of the Library board of directors. Read more in Nevada Today here.
NEW COMPUTERS IN THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER

UNR students were welcomed back after Spring Break to a KC full of updated computers. In order to keep computers within warranty and keep the technology standard, computers should be updated every three years. The computer replacements was made possible in part by a gift from Mr. Charles N. Mathewson and the Mathewson Foundation. Old computers are wiped, refurbished and sent to live out their lives in labs across campus.

OTHER NEWS:

Watch the University Libraries thoughts on encyclopedia Britannica's decision to cease-print after 244 years. Read about how the University Libraries are taking on the latest social media phenomenon: Pinterest.

BY THE NUMBERS

1,240,458 – the number of people who walked into the Knowledge Center in FY2011

698 - the number of students who attended consultations with librarians for thesis research assistance, course assignments research, and help learning how to use new technology in @One in 2011.

FOR THE ONLINE SAVVY:

To keep in the loop, consider "liking" the following Facebook pages:

Special Collections
Basque Library
Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center
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