MEET KATHY RAY, DEAN OF LIBRARIES AND TEACHING AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

The University Provost Marc Johnson announced that Kathy Ray, senior director of Libraries, will assume the responsibilities of dean for the next two years. She was appointed senior director of Libraries last August after a national search. Prior to joining the University, Kathy spent the last four years at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. Read Kathy's bio here.

POST-WAR BOHEMIANS IN NORTHERN NEVADA EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

In conjunction with Artown, Special Collections presents the Post-War Bohemians of Northern Nevada art exhibit open July 1 - September 16. Located in Special Collections and throughout the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the exhibit reveals the art and lifestyles of a surprising group of artists based in Virginia City, Pyramid Lake and Reno after World War II.

On Saturday, July 9 from 4-6:30pm in the Knowledge Center, the University Libraries will host reception and panel discussion related to the exhibit.

For more information, visit: http://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/events/post-war-bohemians-art-exhibit.

SMALLWOOD FOUNDATION SENDS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO MULTIMEDIA "BOOT CAMP"

The Knowledge Center's @One multimedia area was buzzing with activity for a few weeks in June, as eight local high school students attended the first Smallwood Foundation Multimedia Boot Camp. Made possible by the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, the boot camp provided students access to campus experts and the opportunity for some hands-on experience with the multimedia technology available at the Knowledge Center. The Smallwood Foundation will also provide a scholarship to attend the University to the student exhibiting the most potential.

See the student's final video about the knowledge Center here.

Read more:
http://www.facebook.com/smallwood.bootcamp
ONLINE EXHIBIT TELLS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HISTORY

Public History students and Special Collections staff started telling some of the stories of the University's 125-year-old history with the creation of the first online University History exhibit. This fascinating exhibit was created with photographs and other materials from University Archives, located in Special Collections. One of the exhibit highlights, the Evolution of UNR's Libraries, describes the humble beginning of the University Libraries with only 500 books, to its transformation into one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country with over 1.2 million volumes.

University Libraries History:
http://kcdev.library.unr.edu/digital_collections/exhibits/university_history/campus/unr_libraries.aspx

University History:
http://knowledgecenter.unr.edu/digital_collections/exhibits/university_history/

LIBRARIES INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the third year in a row, Alina Solovyova-Vincent from the Knowledge Center's Teaching and Learning Technologies helped design a hybrid online course which has been awarded the Blackboard Exemplary Course Award. The winning course, Introduction to Knowledge Development and Scientific Inquiry is taught by assistant professor Michelle Pelter at the Orvis School of Nursing. Solovyova-Vincent will also receive the 2011 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Excellence in Online Professional Development. Read the full story in Nevada Today.

PBS'S HISTORY DETECTIVES FILMED IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Keep an eye out for a familiar location in the July 19 episode of PBS's History Detectives. Special Collections served as the location for an interview featuring a local expert hoping to help solve the mystery behind a propeller that may have been part of a World War II aviation program. A cross between Antique Roadshow and the History Channel, History Detectives explores historical mysteries through the latest forensic technology and traditional investigative techniques.  
http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/

KNOWLEDGE CENTER'S eREADER BAR GETS NOTICED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Two University Librarians, Lisa Kurt and Erin Silva, presented at the North American Serials Interest Group conference in St. Louis on the new eReader Bar located in @One. The presentation created a great deal of interest about the "bar," which allows library patrons to try out an iPad2, iPod Touch, Kindle, Color Nook, and a Pandigital Tablet and get expert assistance in learning how to use the devices. Stop by @One to see it, or click here to learn more.

MORE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Treasures of Special Collections, online
If you missed the Special Collections spring exhibit: Treasures of Special Collections, read the RGJ feature here.

Pooches at the Libraries
Paws 4 Love, an award winning non-profit pet therapy organization, stopped by the Knowledge Center to provide stress relief for students and staff during finals. See news coverage here, or visit the photo gallery.

Graduating student workers honored
Libraries staff paid tribute to graduating student workers at the first Annual Student Worker Appreciation Party in June. One
graduate, Kari Sweeny expressed her sentiments about working for the Libraries: "Being a part of the Knowledge Center, which provides the endless resource of knowledge and the tools that allow each individual to take charge and create the never ending limits of their education, has been an extremely rewarding experience." Our student workers are an invaluable resource. They help keep the Libraries doors open, the computers running and the books on our shelves. Congratulations graduates!

**LATEST LIBRARY STAT:**

During finals, staff in the Knowledge Center's @One multimedia area laminated over 250 feet of posters, mounted approximately 120 boards, and printed nearly 1,300 files. That's 1½ gallons of ink and almost 2 square miles of paper!