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### **Libraries to host Spring Writers Workshops in partnership with the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame**

Coming off of the success of the November 2020 Writers Workshops, the Libraries and the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame look forward to welcoming writers of all ages and abilities to the second series of workshops scheduled for April 24.

[Read more about the Spring Writers Workshop online at Nevada Today.](#)

Nevada Writers Hall of Fame medal

**With more than 800,000 items stored and millions of items delivered, MARS, the Mathewson Automated Retrieval System, recently received a major upgrade allowing for continued, smooth and seamless service when delivering library materials to users. This upgrade marks the first large-scale servicing MARS has received since the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center opened more than 14 years ago.**

The MARS Upgrade project took place over a 28-week period and was completed late-January 2021. Six computer “brains” which operate the six cranes within MARS were replaced, software upgrades were completed and other maintenance work was done.

[Take a trip to MARS by reading about the upgrade online at Nevada Today.](#)



Mathewson Automated Retrieval System



## Celebrate Library Lovers Month and other Libraries updates

As we head into the Spring semester we invite you to celebrate National Library Lovers Month (February) with us. Keep an eye on your email for more reasons to love the University Libraries.

Planning a visit to the University Libraries? Plan ahead by [checking building hours online](#). The Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center and the DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library are open. One noteworthy change to remember is all Libraries facilities will be closing one hour earlier, 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday this spring. The Knowledge Center will be open on Presidents Day from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. We will have regular hours on Easter Sunday. Research help is also available online via the Libraries webpage.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### March 25

Nuggets: [Short Stories About Nevada Mining – Exhibit Virtual Talk & Tour](#)

#### April 24

[Nevada Writers Hall of Fame Spring Writers Workshop](#)

#### November 4

34th Annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame event



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