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Greetings from Dean Catherine Cardwell

Fall semester 2021 is now in full swing. I can't stress enough how wonderful it is to see students, faculty, and staff on campus and in our libraries. I am very happy to have joined the University of Nevada, Reno Wolf Pack, leading the University Libraries. I've spent my first few weeks on campus getting to know faculty and staff in the libraries, their successes, and their challenges. Most of all, I've looked for opportunities to continue a trajectory of excellence and innovation in the context of an R1 institution.

One of the most recent opportunities I've been a part of is related to working toward lowering the cost of educational resources for our University students.



Did you know the average cost of a textbook is \$84, with some costing hundreds of dollars? The University Libraries recently received a \$20,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) / American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant from the Nevada State Library to make college more accessible for students. Our talented team of librarians is working to create a workshop series introducing faculty to Open Educational Resources (OERs) in their discipline to identify the best ways to incorporate this content into their curriculum. The ultimate goal is to replace high-cost textbooks and lower the cost of education for students. I look forward to sharing more on this project in the future.

The University Libraries is also supporting research across campus by partnering with faculty and graduate students to help share practical strategies to increase research visibility and impact. With the Libraries leading the way, University faculty and graduate students can learn how to get the most out of a Google Scholar profile, identify the best scholarly metric for their research, and utilize new skills gained from Libraries' instruction to ensure their research is easily findable to other researchers, everywhere.

Student success is one of the University Libraries' top priorities and we are working hard to continue to innovate and grow during these challenging times. From welcoming new and transfer students during NevadaFIT Orientation Welcome weekend (NOW) in August, to promoting ways to lower textbook costs and integrating library resources and digital media into the curriculum, the University Libraries faculty and staff continue to create a

contemporary learning environment that engages all University students.

There are many more exciting projects on the horizon as we work to close out the calendar year 2021. I want to personally thank the Libraries team for helping welcome me to the University community and I look forward to personally getting to know each of you in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing and continued support of the University Libraries,

Sincerely,



Catherine Cardwell
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[Read more about Dean Cardwell joining the Libraries on Nevada Today.](#)

Libraries' @One team builds VR experience for Churchill County Library, Museum

Libraries experts tapped to create immersive, virtual reality-based experience showcasing Hidden Cave, a historically significant archaeological site located in Fallon, Nev. The cave itself was formed around 21,000 years ago by the waves of rising Pleistocene Lake Lahontan. Hidden Cave, as part of Grimes Point, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Learn more about how the @One team used 3D modeling data to create this VR experience and how they are rolling it out in the local community by visiting [Nevada Today](#).



A digital rendering of the interior of Hidden Cave explorable in the VR experience.

Nevada Writers Hall of Fame event going virtual on November 18

Author Steven Nightingale and poet Vogue Robinson will be welcomed into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame family at the November 18 virtual event. [Save the date and register now.](#) Please contact Robin Monteith at robinmonteith@unr.edu with any questions you may have, or if you or your business would like to support this signature event.

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