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Dean of University Libraries Catherine Cardwell

The fall semester is underway, and the University Libraries is supporting discovery, learning and engagement across campus. With several new and talented faculty and staff members joining the Libraries, new collections to share and exciting events approaching I hope you find an opportunity to get involved and engage with our experts, collections and resources.

New faces in the Libraries include: data services coordinator, outreach and public services archivist, business librarian, web developer, makerspace senior specialist, multimedia production specialist, virtual reality programming and development specialist, virtual multimedia specialist, building operations manager and events and operations coordinator.

In addition to working toward returning to pre-pandemic staffing levels, a multi-departmental team of Libraries professionals have been hard at work processing, cataloging, digitizing and creating metadata for nearly 350,000 photographic negatives from the Reno Gazette Journal Photograph Collection. It consists of approximately 1.5 – 2 million photographic negatives documenting the happenings across Northern Nevada communities spanning the period of

time covering 1959 to the 2000s. There is no other known collection publicly available providing this degree of photographic documentation of the development and social history of the region in the 20th century.

The Libraries have been actively partnering with faculty, the Provost's Office, Office of Digital Learning and the Office of Advancements in Teaching Excellence to help reduce the need for expensive textbooks through the use of Open Educational Resources (OERs). OERs are freely available high-quality resources that are intended for classroom use. Did you know, according to the Education Data Initiative, the average cost of a college textbook is between \$80 and \$105, with some costing \$400 or more?

Recently members from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation visited the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Each summer the Smallwood Foundation supports a multimedia bootcamp targeting up-and-coming high school seniors with an interest in media techniques and technologies. The 2022 bootcamp welcomed nine students hailing from Reno High School, Spanish Springs High School, Academy of Careers and Engineering, and the Coral Academy.

We have been busy gearing up for the 35th Annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame event honoring Inductee Brian Crane, author of the beloved Pickles comic strip. We will also be celebrating 2021 Hall of Fame Silver Pen awardee Vogue Robinson. The event will take place Friday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. inside the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center's Wells Fargo Auditorium and Whittemore Gallery. Tickets are available now and can be purchased by visiting Eventbrite. I hope you join us for this special event! It will mark the first in-person celebration of Nevada's finest writers since 2019.

It's this level of active engagement between Libraries faculty, staff, users and donors coupled with tools and resources available for experimentation and experiential learning that help set the stage for a successful and memorable experience. I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cardwell





Get to know the new faces of the University Libraries

The University is pleased to introduce you to a few of our new hires. Over the past several months Libraries' faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to identify, interview, hire and on-board new talent for the start of the semester. With several highly-skilled individuals joining the team, and with other searches closing or under way, the Libraries is positioned to continue to provide exceptional resources, expertise, collections, primary and secondary source materials, eBooks and journals, instruction sessions, events, technologies and more to students, faculty, researchers and community members.

Get to know the Libraries' newest team members by following the links below to Nevada Today to learn more.

[New Faces Part One](#)

[New Faces Part Two](#)



New, asset-expanding collection available to University Libraries users

Reno Gazette Journal Photograph Collection is a new, unique, visual resource containing 1.5 – 2 million quality photographic negatives documenting the social history of northern Nevada. Approximately 300,000 photographic negatives have been catalogued and 750 of these negatives have been digitized. Digitized images can be viewed online. Photographic negatives can be viewed by visiting Special Collections and University Archives. It is the largest publicly available collection of photographic documentation of the development and social history of the region.

“Outside of our Political Papers collection, this new addition serves as another jewel in the Libraries' crown,” Dean of University Libraries Catherine Cardwell said. “The RGJ Photograph

Collection ensures discoverability and access to a rich resource that is available for use to meet scholarship, learning, personal enjoyment and research needs."

[Read more about this new collection by visiting Nevada Today.](#)

[Read the Reno Gazette Journal's recent news story on this collection](#)



Libraries play key role in lowering students' educational costs

The Education Data Initiative reports the average four-year college student paid an estimated \$1,226 for textbooks and supplies in academic year 2020-2021. In an effort to lower the cost of education for University students, the University Libraries is actively working to reduce the need for expensive textbooks through the use of Open Educational Resources (OERs). OERs are freely available high-quality resources that are intended for classroom use. They can be easily accessed online ensuring an equitable learning experience for all.

[Visit Nevada Today to learn more about this initiative](#)





Smallwood Multimedia Bootcamp introduces high-schoolers to all things high-tech

Rising seniors from across northern Nevada participated in a donor-funded bootcamp over the summer introducing them to various media techniques and technologies. Students go from general consumers of media to purposeful polished producers of their own original content.

[Learn more about the 2022 Smallwood Multimedia Bootcamp by visiting Nevada Today](#)



35th Annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

The 35th Annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame celebration will take place Nov. 4, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Whittemore Gallery and Wells Fargo Auditorium in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. Tickets are \$45 per person and may be purchased online at Eventbrite. Tickets to the event include: all the evening's festivities, including appetizers and wine, some dessert treats and a couple of other surprises. Sundance Books will have a variety of Nevada Writers Hall of Fame authors' books available for purchase and both honorees will be signing books after the program. There will be a silent auction with all proceeds going to support the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. Questions about the event, please contact Robin Schimandle at robinmonteith@unr.edu. Seating is limited. Ticket sales close October 31.

[Purchase tickets to the 35th Annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame](#)

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