For our campus, our libraries, archives and special collections serve as a constant reminder of what our institution and its people once were, what they are today, and, thanks to the treasure of information that is right at our fingertips, what they can be tomorrow.

Marc A. Johnson
President, University of Nevada, Reno
Dear Friend of the University Libraries,

I invite you to take a look through the FY2011 annual report for the University of Nevada, Reno Libraries. In it, you will find highlights of our successes, outreach programs and innovative projects. The past year was a year of challenges for our campus, but amidst the transformations the University Libraries remained busier than ever, keeping its place as “the heart of campus.”

Our successes are a direct reflection of what can be accomplished through the support of a community dedicated to helping acquire and maintain important research collections and the technology necessary to share those collections with students, faculty and staff. We are most grateful for your investment in the Libraries of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Kathlin L. Ray, Dean
University Libraries,
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At a Glance

1. The 295,00-square-foot Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center is one of the most technologically advanced libraries in the country, and home to one of the largest automated retrieval systems in the world (MARS).

2. The Clarence & Martha Jones Special Collections & University Archives houses a rich repository of Nevada history materials.

3. The Mary B. Ansari Map Library in the DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library contains over 140,000 maps, making it the largest map collection in Nevada.

4. The Basque Library, located within the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, is the leading library on Basque topics outside of the Basque Country.

5. Special Collections & University Archives has more than 200,000 historical photographs, more than 20,000 volumes of rare, historical and artists’ books, and thousands of audio recordings.

6. The University Libraries hold 9,425 linear feet of manuscripts and archives.
Bright future for Libraries Alumni

Student employees help keep the doors of the University Libraries open. Almost every service and area of the Libraries are touched in some way by a student employee. Zachary Newell was one of those students. Zach started off as a student assistant with the University Libraries Systems Office, and because of his exceptional users service and technical skills, he soon went on to become an information technology technician responsible for the DataWorks lab.

Zach became involved, however, in much more: writing scripts to link Dynamic Media Lab customers with the XSAN storage array, and tracking poster orders in @One, among other things. He also redesigned the W.M. Keck Earth Sciences & Mining Research Information Center to take advantage of new geographic information management tools, including Google Maps. Such good work doesn’t go unnoticed. In fall 2011, Google lured Zach away to Mountain View, California where he now works as a Google field tech.

Highlights

**A new dean**
Kathlin L. Ray was appointed dean of Libraries and Teaching & Learning Technologies in April 2011.

**Smallwood Multimedia Boot Camp**
Eight local high school students attended the first Multimedia Boot Camp in the Knowledge Center’s technology hub, @One. Made possible by a grant from the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation, the two week boot camp gave students rigorous instruction and hands-on experience in a wide range of media and research activities.

**Reaching out across campus**
Knowledge Center staff provided over 500 workshops, classes and individual research or technology consultations to students, staff, and visitors during the spring 2011 semester.

**Expanded electronic and digital resources**
The University Libraries added e-books and streaming multimedia content to its electronic and digital resources. Students and faculty now have access to a broader range of quality digital content at any time and from any location.

**Patron Driven Acquisition program**
The Libraries embarked on a Patron Driven Acquisition program to acquire e-books to meet user needs. The program tracks the pattern of use for a group of online titles which then triggers an automatic purchase. The successful pilot program provided access to over 27,000 titles.

**Enhanced “Find It @ UNR” service**
The “Find It @ UNR” service is an essential tool that seamlessly connects users to cited full-text articles with a simple click of a mouse. The “Find It” service is part of an ongoing effort to streamline the research process and improve online tools.

**Blackboard Exemplary Course Award**
For the third consecutive year, Alina Solovyova-Vincent from the Instructional Design Team helped secure the Blackboard Exemplary Course Award. This international award recognizes innovative and engaging online and hybrid courses. The winning course “Introduction to Knowledge Development + Scientific Inquiry” is taught by assistant professor of nursing Michele Pelter.
Gatherings

- Special Collections hosted Honoring the Horse, an exhibit about the role horses have played in the development of Nevada. The exhibit included a screening of the movie The Misfits.

- The Art of the Print was a vibrant contemporary printmaking exhibit drawn from the rich Special Collections Book Arts Collection and the work of rising local artist Eunkang Koh.

- The second season of small talk Big Ideas: Conversations with University Authors. Featured guest University of Nevada authors Joseph DeLappe, Ann Ronald, Leonard Weinberg and Sudeep Chandra.

- Board members and guests donned “white gloves” to examine some of the rare treasures of Special Collections.

- Special Collections launched two collaborative online exhibits: “The Johnson-Jeffries” fight centennial exhibit with the Nevada Historical Society, and the “Nevada University History” exhibit with professor Alicia Barber’s Public History class.

- DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library hosted Expressions of Homelessness, a student photography and poetry program developed in partnership with a local homeless shelter.

- The annual Nevada Writers Hall of Fame Award was held on November 4, 2010.

- The Libraries presented a reading and book signing with alumna Michon Mackedon, author of Bombast: Spinning Atoms in the Desert. The event coincided with the 60-year anniversary of nuclear testing in Nevada.

- DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library co-hosted the two-day 2011 Reno-Tahoe WordCamp, devoted to the WordPress blogging/website development platform. The event brought 200 people to campus, including WordPress core developers from around the world.

► 2,000 – the number of photos added by Special Collections digital collections during the year

► 400 – the number of attendees at technology, research, and other Library-related workshops put on by “KC á la Carte”
New Technology

E-reader bar opens
Library users were able to test new technologies such as the iPad, iPod Touch, Kindle, Color Nook, and a Pandigital Tablet at the e-reader bar located in the Knowledge Center.

Films on Demand
A state-of-the-art streaming video platform was introduced to facilitate the use of educational programs from Films Media Group into online lesson plans. Content is available at any time via the Libraries web page.

Reaching students

Honors student program
Reference librarians led service learning experiences and reflections for nearly 100 students enrolled in the University's Honors program.

Deans Future Scholars
As part of the Dean’s Future Scholars program, high school students helped fine-tune the technology offerings at DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library with a series of technology geared projects. One such project consisted of students developing supporting materials for a robotic kit available at the library.

Special Collections employs social media
Special Collections connected with the social media community by creating a Facebook page for 1915 students Joe McDonald and Leola Lewis. Their pages give real life insight into life at the University of Nevada, Reno in 1915.

Reinventing digital mapping
Student Zachary Newell and Tod Colegrove, head of DeLaMare Science & Engineering Library, redesigned the digital map data depository for Nevada the W.M. Keck Earth Sciences & Mining Research Center. The redesign received national recognition.

Counseling multimedia resources
Through the Libraries' multimedia resources, graduate students in the College of Education’s family counseling program tapped into one of the largest and richest online counseling and therapy collections for a presentation at the American Counseling Association conference.

Instructional Design student survey
The Instructional Design Team received tremendous feedback to a student survey the perceptions of the University's online course management system. With over 1,800 replies, the results were presented at a meeting sponsored by the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

► 1,240,458 – the number of people who walked into the Knowledge Center in FY2011
► 171,480 – the number of transactions conducted by the Libraries during the year
► 450 – the average number of posters printed per month in @One