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### **Megan Prymak Deal**

Gregg did it again! He's been in Carson City, NV for the last few days working on this mural of a Washoe woman, Dat So La Lee, who was an important and influential artist and basket maker. I included a pic of him holding the basket she made that Gregg used the patterns from in this mural. Gregg is Washoe (also Paiute and Shoshone), and this woman is a relative. Her baskets are worth millions on the open market these days. This mural coincides with an upcoming basket exhibition that will be opening soon at the Nevada State Museum, the same location of the mural.



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*Because of our national history of conquest and domination, American geoheritage is a deracinated geoheritage. As we advance geoheritage in this country, I urge us to entertain the world views of the local indigenous peoples. The same places we see out our windows today were lands they once belonged to.*

*Now, geologists know America is full of great geoheritage. We're right up there on the [world map of Geological Heritage Sites](#) put together by the IUGS. But in the more formalized [UNESCO Geoparks program](#), the USA is missing in action. If America is ever to take a rightful place next to those classic geoheritage districts, we'll have to build from the grassroots. And fellow geologists, that's a part each of us can play in our own cities!”*

Extract: speech by Andrew Alden at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America.

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## The Australian Town Where People Live Underground

*In one unusual outback town, everything is subterranean – from churches to campsites. As the world heads for 2.7C (4.9F) of global warming, should we be heading underground?*

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**Report finds US public schools banned over 10,000 books in the 2023-24 school year, almost triple the number of books banned [in the 2022-23 school year](#).**

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## How to Cook a Squirrel

Professional chefs and amateur cooks compete for Arkansas pride in the annual World Champion Squirrel Cook Off

## Join us in Anchorage Alaska for the EPA Environmental Leadership Summit in Collaboration with WHIAANHPI!

On October 22, 2024, EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR), in conjunction with White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) will host a full day Environmental Leadership Summit in Anchorage, Alaska.

This summit provides opportunities for community leaders, and potential grant applicants to:

- Learn more about historic funding opportunities and technical assistance made available through President Biden's Investing in America agenda and the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Meet with peers to develop new or deeper community-based partnerships and cultivate ideas for appropriate funding opportunities.
- Brainstorm how to confront the climate crisis and advance environmental justice in your community.

In addition, OEJECR will host a youth leadership summit in the afternoon to:

- Learn more about employment opportunities in the environmental and climate justice field
- Brainstorm how to confront the climate crisis and advance environmental justice in your community.
- Share examples and experiences in environmental and climate justice

Find out more and register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epas-environmental-leadership-summit-tickets-1015712823397>.

The Regional Roadshow is a part of EPA's [Community, Equity & Resiliency initiative](#), a groundbreaking effort to help communities across the nation navigate EPA's Inflation Reduction Act investments and other new funding opportunities made possible by President Biden's *Investing in America* agenda.

Through this new initiative, EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) and Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) will facilitate community-driven partnerships and provide a space for communities to learn, connect and cultivate ideas on how to access the historic resources, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities.



## [Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma \(FOLIO\)](#) ·

The Downtown Reno Library (NV) looks like a big square brown box with no pizzazz. But when people walk inside, they find a lush central atrium with an abundance of philodendrons, spotted begonias, and other greenery; several towering trees; and a reflection pool.

The library's architect, wanted to build the library in a park. When that plan fell through, he decided to build a park in the library. Completed in 1966, it won the 1968 Industrial Landscape Award and was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.

The community municipal court held at the library every Wednesday in partnership with the city. The atmosphere is very calming.

There's no drip or sprinkler system. **The gardener has watered every single plant by hand once a week for more than 20 years.**

Ford, Anne. "Bookend: Lushness in the Library." American Libraries Magazine (3 Sep. 2024)  
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/.../bookend.../>



Erdrich's latest about 'ridiculous' and 'magical' love  
TALKING VOLUMES



By CHRIS HEWITT • The Minnesota Star Tribune

"The Mighty Red," the title of Louise Erdrich's rambunctious new novel, definitely refers to North Dakota's Red River, around which much of it is set, and probably refers to a large, red-headed character named Hugo.

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## **Louise Erdrich's latest ranks among her very best**

FICTION: Set near the Red River, it weaves together dozens of lives.

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*Sort of an ad, but raises some cogent points!*

## **6 Critical Human Skills for the Age of AI (Plus Free Courses That Teach Them)**

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## **Governor Lombardo proclaims October 2024 Archives Month**

Nevada Archives Month 2024 celebrates the legacy of Smokey Bear and his enduring commitment to wildfire prevention. Together, let's protect our natural and cultural heritage for generations to come!

Archives Month is a time to raise awareness about the importance of preserving history for future generations by highlighting available information about our past. Archival and historical repositories across the United States celebrate Archives Month in October of each year and Nevada is no exception.

In recognition of the occasion, Governor Lombardo issued a proclamation declaring October 2024 in Nevada as Archives Month. [Visit the Archives Month 2024 webpage](#) to learn more about early efforts of the State Forester Firewarden's role in implementing the Clarke-McNary Act of 1924 in Nevada, and the Nevada Division of Forestry's dedication to the protection and management of our state's lands. On this page, you can also find the 2024 Archives Month Poster and information on Smokey Bear's 80 Years of preventing wildfires.

- View the Proclamation here: [https://nsla.nv.gov/ld.php?content\\_id=78375250](https://nsla.nv.gov/ld.php?content_id=78375250)

We invite you to visit the [Nevada State Archives](#) in Carson City to view photographs, maps, correspondence, and other historical records that document Nevada's history of forestry, fire prevention, fire control, and forest management. Learn about Nevada's rich history of forestry, fire prevention, fire control, and forest management dating back to the 1930s. Materials will be displayed here online and in person at the Nevada State Archives from October 1 to December 31, 2024. The Archives is open to the public from 10:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday (excluding holidays).

## **Nevada Partnership Awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Grant**

The State of Nevada is pleased to announce the launch of a collaborative pilot project funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Collections and Reference Resources grant program. The Nevada partnership—comprised of the Nevada Historical Society, the Stewart Indian School Museum and Cultural Center, the Nevada State Museum (Carson City), and the Nevada State Archives—has been awarded \$59,999 to explore a shared online platform that has the potential to make descriptions of their historic archival materials discoverable for public use. The Nevada partnership was awarded one of only 33 awards out of 174 eligible applications. The Nevada partners are working with Atlas Systems, Inc. to implement a multi-institutional instance of **ArchivesSpace**.



Mike Strom, Administrator of the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records Division stated, “We are excited to collaborate with our partners on this project that will lead to increased discoverability of historic records. This will benefit those interested in Nevada history and the institutions that house and preserve those records. We thank NEH for this opportunity.”

### **Nevada State Archives Completes NEH Grant for Preservation & Conservation**

In 2023, the Nevada State Archives proposed and was awarded a preservation assistance grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to hire a preservation specialist to visit the State Archives and provide recommendations.

Funded by this NEH grant, the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), the premier conservation center in the country, sent two specialists to assess the State Archives in April 2024 and presented their final report in June 2024. The State Archives staff will use this report to determine priorities for their preservation activities so that future generations can access government records and that state government is accountable, transparent, and meets the needs of its citizens.

#### ***Datalogger monitoring the temperature and humidity levels in the Archives***

The State Archives successfully completed the grant and has already acted in response to the report. One recommendation from the specialists was to monitor environmental conditions with dataloggers and reporting software. The State Archives purchased ten dataloggers, deployed them strategically in the building, and began monitoring the temperature and relative humidity in the areas where records and archives are stored.

Preserving the documentary history of Nevada is a challenging responsibility. State government records come in a variety of formats, such as fragile paper, photographs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, dictabelts, and digital media. Regardless of the format, dramatic fluctuations in temperature or humidity can have detrimental effects on materials. Monitoring the temperature and humidity in archival storage spaces will provide the data needed to identify potential areas of improvement.

For more information, please contact the State Archives Manager at 775-684-3319 or [claframboise@admin.nv.gov](mailto:claframboise@admin.nv.gov).

### **[Conservation Fundamentals for Archives Workshop](#)**

The Nevada State Historical Records Advisory Board is pleased to offer a free workshop, Conservation Fundamentals for Archives, to individuals at organizations that care for Nevada’s historical records/archives. The workshop will be hosted at two locations--in Southern Nevada and in Northern Nevada. The workshop is offered at no cost to eligible participants thanks to the generous support of the National Historical Publications & Records Commission, UNLV Libraries Special Collections & Archives, and the Nevada State Archives.

**Apply here:** [Conservation Workshop Application 2024](#)

Download Flyer: [Conservation Workshop Flyer 2024](#)

**Location 1: Carson City October 11, 2024 8:45 am – 5:00 pm Nevada State Archives  
Conservation Lab 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89706 Application deadline:  
October 1.**

**Location 2: Las Vegas October 18, 2024 8:45 am – 5:00 pm**  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Lied Library 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154  
*Application deadline: October 8.*

Historical documents, manuscripts, ledgers, maps, and prints are inherently fragile but can be effectively protected. This one-day hands-on workshop will cover important preservation issues: proper care and handling, storage, limiting light exposure, and the impact of temperature and relative humidity on archives. Instruction will cover the fundamentals of surface cleaning, paper repair, and humidification following professional standards. Under the guidance of a professional conservator, Michael Don Fraser, participants will learn how to assess the conservation needs of archival materials, repair torn paper, humidify and flatten rolled or crumpled documents, encapsulate documents, and protect records from further damage through proper rehousing and storage.

Each participant will receive a basic book/paper repair toolkit to bring back to their organization/institution. Applicants traveling more than 50 miles one way to their nearest workshop are eligible for a \$100 travel stipend to help offset travel costs.

Due to the hands-on nature of the workshop, seating is limited to 18 persons per workshop. Workshop seats will be assigned on a first come, first served basis determined by the order in which completed applications from eligible individuals are received by the Nevada State Archives. The goal of the workshops is to provide conservation education to as many Nevada organizations as possible. Therefore, initially, only one participant from each organization will be admitted. Additional applicants from a single organization will be placed on a waiting list. Once the application deadline passes, if space permits, additional individuals from the same organization may be admitted. Space permitting, master's students in library and information science, museum studies, public history, or closely related fields will be considered.

This is an introductory workshop. No prior experience or training is required of participants. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who

- are a current employee or volunteer in a Nevada-based organization,
- are tasked with care and handling of Nevada's historical records/archives at the organization, and
- have no formal conservation training.

To apply, please complete the PDF application linked at the top of this post and email it to the Nevada State Archives: [Smears@admin.nv.gov](mailto:Smears@admin.nv.gov)

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**Harvesting water from air, UNLV engineer's device could have global appeal**

"Drip, drip, drip. That's the sound of Jeremy Cho's atmospheric water harvesting device extracting humidity from the air to make usable water in Da Kine Lab at UNLV. The device, in its smaller state, looks like a box. One side has a small black fan and another has nuts and bolts

with red caps sticking out of a translucent container. There are a few screws and clear wires coming from the center. It creates water by extracting humidity from the air. Cho's device can produce up to 17 liters per square meter per day in the lab. "Just by being a civilized community, we're going to take some of that water," said Cho, an assistant professor at the UNLV department of mechanical engineering. "It's up to us to make sure that we use that water responsibly." ... " [Read more from the Las Vegas Sun](#).

### Scholarships with November 4-14 Deadlines

<a href="#">Americans United Student Contest</a>	\$1,500	November 04, 2024
<a href="#">Dr. Lorraine G. Spranzo Memorial Scholarship</a>	Varies	November 04, 2024
<a href="#">Inspired by Design: PAVE Student Visionary Award</a>	\$7,500	November 04, 2024
<a href="#">SLAS Graduate Education Fellowship Grant</a>	\$100,000	November 04, 2024
<a href="#">Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholarship</a>	\$250,000	November 07, 2024
<a href="#">CPCU Society NextGen Scholarship</a>	\$5,000	November 08, 2024
<a href="#">Good Tidings Community Service Scholarship</a>	\$10,000	November 08, 2024
<a href="#">National GEM Consortium Fellowships</a>	\$16,000	November 08, 2024
<a href="#">Pierce Butler Scholarship</a>	\$500	November 08, 2024
<a href="#">Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program</a>	\$60,000	November 08, 2024
<a href="#">Michael Weiner Scholarship for Labor Studies</a>	\$10,000	November 10, 2024
<a href="#">Anchor QEA Scholarship Program</a>	\$10,000	November 11, 2024
<a href="#">Modeling the Future Challenge</a>	\$60,000	November 11, 2024
<a href="#">Occidental College Barack Obama Scholars Program</a>	\$10,000	November 11, 2024
<a href="#">Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship</a>	\$30,000	November 12, 2024
<a href="#">University of Oregon Stamps Scholarship</a>	\$175,000	November 13, 2024
<a href="#">Arizona Breaking Barriers Student Athlete Scholarship</a>	\$3,000	November 14, 2024
<a href="#">Cooke College Scholarship Program</a>	\$55,000	November 14, 2024
<a href="#">Greenhouse Scholars Whole Person College Program</a>	\$20,000	November 14, 2024



## San Francisco Indigenous Peoples Day



Date: Mon, Oct 14 Time: 12:00pm – 3:30pm

Cost: Free

Venue: [Great Lawn, Yerba Buena Gardens](#) Mission St. between 3rd & 4th Sts. San Francisco, CA + [Google Map](#) Phone: (415) 543-1718

Join us in celebration of San Francisco Indigenous Peoples Day at Yerba Buena Gardens with Native American art, music and vendors. The program highlights the vastly diverse and talented community of Indigenous artists in the Bay Area, California and beyond.

Presented on Yelamu, Ramaytush Ohlone Territory, in partnership with the [International Indian Treaty Council](#) with generous support from the San Francisco Arts Commission.

The program at Yerba Buena Gardens follows the Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Sunrise Gathering on Alcatraz – please check the [IITC website](#) for updates.

Presented with:



We are excited to invite you to the first-ever **Skoden Indigenous Music Festival** on **Saturday, October 26th, 2024, from 3pm to 8pm** at the Barnes Park Amphitheater in Monterey Park, CA!

Doors open at 2pm, so be sure to arrive early to secure a good spot and get ready for an incredible day of music and celebration. The festival will feature a diverse lineup of talented Indigenous artists and bands, music by [Brian "DJ Shock B" Frejo](#), and [Krazy Kasey aka Rezzalicious](#) as our emcee.

**Featuring the following Native Artists and Bands:**

- [One Way Sky](#)
- [Sage Bond](#)
- [YELLOWWOLF](#)
- [Levi Platero Band](#)
- [Bobby Sanchez](#)
- [Stella Standingbear](#)

**Event Details:**



**Date & Time:** October 26th, 2024 | 3pm-8pm (Doors open at 2pm)



**Location:** Barnes Park Amphitheater: 350 S Mc Pherrin Ave, Monterey Park, CA 91754



**Free Entry & Open to All!**

This is a family-friendly, drug and alcohol-free event, perfect for all ages. Plus, the first 200 people to show up will enjoy free food, so don't miss out! You can pre-register now using the link here: [Pre-Register Here](#). In addition to the live performances, there will be Native vendors (did someone say beadwork?) and informational booths to explore.

We are proud to welcome Native artists and bands from across Indian Country to California for this one-of-a-kind music festival. Let's come together to celebrate Native musicians, amplify our voices, and learn how we can make a difference on November 5th!

We look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to share this invitation or our [Facebook Event](#) with your friends and family. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards, Strategic Initiatives Team California Native Vote Project

**The Discovery** will open its newest featured exhibition this week. ***Mindbender Mansion*** is a large-scale, quirky exhibition full of brainteasers and interactive challenges that will test the brain power and problem-solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers. Try to master each of the 40 individual brainteasers and the four group activities in this fun and unconventional mansion. Gather secret clues and passwords revealed throughout the mansion for a chance to become a member of the Mindbender Society. *Mindbender Mansion* opens on **Saturday, Oct. 5**, and will be on exhibit through April 2025. Museum hours are **10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday**. Admission is \$16 for adults, \$15 for seniors age 65 and older, \$14 for kids age 6-17 and \$11 for kids ages 1-5. The **Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery)** is at **490 S. Center St.** Call 775-786-1000, or go to [nvdm.org](http://nvdm.org).

- **New Extension Washoe County coordinator aims to expand outreach projects:**  
Abbey Pike has been appointed as the new Extension county coordinator for Washoe County by the University of Nevada, Reno. Pike aims to expand outreach projects and enhance the accessibility of Extension resources for residents, building on her extensive experience in legislative and community advocacy. ([unr.edu](http://unr.edu))

**After a four-year pandemic pause, the California Indian Conference (CIC ) is back!**

**A free Fri-Sat, Oct 18-19 event  
Fresno State University Library Building**

**See attachments for details and a link to register &  
submit presentation, vendor, and info table proposals  
Proposals deadline: Sunday, October 6**

Any and all presentations about Native Californians past, present, and future are welcome

Questions? Need more information?  
Contact CIC 2024 co-organizer Dr. Kenneth Hansen at <[kennethh@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:kennethh@mail.fresnostate.edu)>

**To host CIC 2025 or 2026 at a college or university with which you're associated**  
go to: <https://nacri.institute/CIC>  
or write CIC Co-Facilitators Gregg Castro and Beverly Ortiz at  
<<mailto:kennethh@mail.fresnostate.edu>>

**California Indian Conference Purpose:**

The California Indian Conference provides a forum for the sharing of knowledge, scholarship, and issues of importance related to Native California. The conference brings together Native and non-Native academics, tribal scholars, educators, and students with representatives of tribal communities and organizations, NGOs, public agencies and institutions, and the general public.



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