# Great Basin College Library News May 2016

# May Library Displays



#### NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY MONTH

# Stop by the library and get a mini-piece of art, photography of course!

"Photography has been called the art of fixing a shadow. The ancient Greeks knew that a clear (though upside down) image of the outside world will be projected if one makes a tiny hole in the wall of a dark room. But no one knew how to make this image permanent. Called a camera obscura, such rooms were chiefly used as aids to drawing, and understanding perspective. After the Renaissance, when perspective became important, camera obscuras become smaller and more sophisticated. By the late eighteenth century, devices had been created that used a series of telescoping boxes and a lens to focus an image. Some even used a mirror to reflect the image upwards onto a piece of glass, making tracing images easier. Gentlemen brought small, portable camera obscuras with them when they traveled, tracing the images onto a piece of paper as a way to record their journeys." The camera and photography has come a long way since these humble beginnings. The history is fascinating, want to learn more? Use the library's database, (click the link) "Gale Virtual Reference Library" to read or listen (MP3).

**Source:** "Photography." The Gale Encyclopedia of Science. Ed. K. Lee Lerner and Brenda Wilmoth Lerner. 4th ed. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 2008. 3308-3313. Web. 26 Apr. 2016.



### NATIONAL SPACE DAY 05 MAY

According to NASA.gov, "Space Day" started in 1997 as a grassroots educational initiative held each year on the first Thursday in May. The goal of Space Day is to use the excitement of space exploration to encourage students' interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The library will have a display in the Children Literature section highlighting the many wonders of Space!

There are many ways to celebrate! <u>Visit NASA.gov for resources</u> for educators, grades K-12, higher education, and even informal education!



Source: NASA.aov

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## MEMORIAL DAY: 30 MAY

"Memorial Day is a special time for Americans. Few patriotic events conjure up the emotion, commemoration, and gratitude of the nation like the remembrance events on the last Monday of May each year, when all across the United States, and even abroad, Americans set aside time to remember those who have fallen in defense of our nation. But few citizens stop to think of the history of the day, which appeared shortly after the Civil War as an effort to remember the dead of that conflict. One newspaper summed up the historic role of Memorial Day in 1869 as "a memorial day as useful and suggestive to the living as it is significant and grateful to the dead," and went on to describe the effort: "To strew flowers on the graves of the heroes is at once a pious and patriotic tribute, done in the simplest and most touching way. This right of affection, not too public for the most modest and retiring woman in her own secluded way to celebrate, yet not too lowly for the loftiest citizen to disdain, is one of those very few customs which a nation may be proud to have originated and maintained" ("Decoration Day,"). Moreover, this decoration activity at cemeteries across the United States, both North and South, played a major role in the eventual reconciling of the two sections after the war." To learn more about Memorial and Decoration Days (or to listen!), please visit (click this link!) GBC library's Gale Virtual Reference Library (there is a cool picture too!).

Source: "Memorial and Decoration Days." Gale Library of Daily Life: American Civil War. Ed. Steven E. Woodworth. Vol. 2. Detroit: Gale, 2008. 244-246. Gale Virtual Reference Library. Web. 26 Apr. 2016.



We are so sad to see them go, but...

So happy for our two Student Assistants that are moving forward onto GREAT things!



#### **Bryce Powell**

Bryce Powell is and always has been heavily involved in many GBC organizations; such as Student Government Association, Skills USA, Table Top Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and so much more. Very soon Bryce will be graduating (this MAY!) and he already has a job lined up in Utah!!

#### Congratulations, Bryce!!!!

We will miss you both so much!



## **Jennifer Arellano**

Jennifer has been with the library for many years!

Beginning next semester, she will be attending UNR to complete her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education! We are so happy for Jennifer and know she will make a positive difference in so many young adult lives!

## Congratulations, Jennifer!!!!



## GBC Graduation is May 21<sup>st</sup>

The library would like to extend a <u>huge congratulations</u> to all who are graduating and wish you good luck as you march into your bright future!

#### We LOVE to HELP! <3

Don't forget! No matter where you are, the library is here to assist you in your academic success!

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