Alumna Elizabeth Ray establishes library fund to support geography and geology materials

Alumna Elizabeth Ray ’78M.Ed. (education) has established the Elizabeth S. Ray Library Fund for Geography and Geology to advance the scope of geography and geology materials available at the University Libraries.

A native of Kentucky, Ray earned her bachelor’s degree in history and political science at the University of Kentucky. After moving to Nevada, she earned a master’s degree in education at the University of Nevada, Reno, and worked as an elementary school teacher in northern Nevada for 27 years. Although now retired, she volunteers two days a week in the classroom as a teacher’s aide and regularly visits area libraries and takes classes offered by the University’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

Ray made several gifts in support of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center construction campaign, naming chairs in the Conrad Hilton Foundation Rotunda Reading Room and the Wells Fargo Auditorium. In 2010, she established the Elizabeth S. Ray Library Endowment to provide ongoing support for the acquisition of music, visual art, history and world politics materials.

“I was captivated by the plans for the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center,” Ray says. “This new fund will enhance the University Libraries’ ability to provide quality information resources so students and community members may stay current with the ever-changing geographic and geologic landscape of our global community.”

—Roseann Keegan

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