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Nov. 2 “Preserving Nevada” environmental summit aims to spark conversation about preservation issues facing Nevadans in the 21st century

Carson City, NV – Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records will host the “Preserving Nevada” environmental summit on Saturday, **Nov. 2** from **1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Nevada State Library Atrium in Carson City.

The environmental summit aims to start a conversation about Nevada’s way of life and pinpoint resiliency strategies for Nevadans in the 21st century. With key findings from a Nevada State Library summer road trip to rural Nevada locations for “listening sessions,” the summit will focus on impacts of extreme weather, community concerns, discovering solutions, convening respectful conversations, and promoting in-demand jobs in the green and environmental sectors.

The summit features keynote addresses from Nancy Cummings-Schmidt, chair of the State Council on Libraries and Literacy and retired library director of the Washoe County Library System, and Rose McKinney-James, managing principal at Energy Works LLC and McKinney James & Assoc. and former president and CEO of the Corporation for Solar Technology and Renewable Resources. Five discussion strands—including topics on STEM and environmental justice—round out the summit.

“In January, the American Library Association established as a core value and program priority ‘Libraries Fostering Resilient Communities.’ In part, this calls librarians to curate 21st century, authoritative STEM collections and connect the resources to community programs,” said State Librarian Tammy Westergard. “I also couldn’t be more thrilled to showcase our keynote speakers, who are both luminaries and have gracefully impacted positive change, each in her unique way.”

For more information and to reserve a seat at the summit, visit the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records website: <https://nsla.nv.gov/preserving-nevada/home>

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