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MILLER LIBRARY COMMEMORATES BANNED BOOK WEEK

Silver City, NM – The Western New Mexico University Miller Library is hosting “Free Your Mind: Read a Banned Book” on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with Banned Books Week events taking place across the country.

The event features readings of banned or challenged works by science fiction and fantasy writers including Stephanie Meyer (the *Twilight* series), Lois Lowry (*The Giver*), Ray Bradbury (*Fahrenheit 451*), Mary Shelley (*Frankenstein*), Robert Heinlein (*Stranger in a Strange Land*), and Aldous Huxley (*Brave New World*).

President Shepard is scheduled to read the Freedom to Read proclamation and political science professor Dr. Magdaleno Manzanarez will read the First Amendment. This year’s event will also include a special appearance by Mystery Robot. Attendees who guess the human identity of the Mystery Robot will be eligible for a free prize.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week draws attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

This year’s event is co-sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences and the American Democracy Project.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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