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Zuhl Library Naming Celebration Set for June 16

The campus community will celebrate the naming of the Zuhl Library (formerly New Library) from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, June 16.

Herbert and Joan Zuhl recently pledged a donation to the university of $3 million and an extensive collection of geological artifacts and petrified wood valued at about $400,000. The Las Cruces couple will be honored for their support of NMSU, including a naming gift for the library.

The celebration will begin with a naming ceremony in the Zuhl Library courtyard. The ceremony will include a trumpet fanfare, unveiling of the new sign for the library, and a ribbon cutting. Guests can then view a display of the Zuhls’ collection of geological artifacts in the library’s lobby. A gala reception and entertainment will follow.

The event is free and open to the entire campus community.

“The University Library is very excited to receive two generous gifts from Herbert and Joan Zuhl,” said David Myers, interim dean of the library. “We will be honored to house and display the wonderful geological artifacts that Mr. Zuhl has collected and preserved. These artifacts will work perfectly in the building that will be named for the Zuhls and make the Library one of the great showcases of the Southwest. The endowment provided by the Zuhls will make the quality margin of difference.”

Myers said that the generous contributions of the Zuhls will enable the Library to acquire important collections and develop new services that will enhance the education of students and support research by faculty.

“All of us in the NMSU Library are honored to have their support and are excited about naming our building after these two wonderful people,” he said.

The Branson Library and Zuhl Library will be closed beginning at noon June 16 so employees can participate in the celebration.