Technology topic of public forum

Area libraries will present a panel discussion, “Technology: Tool or Tyrant?” as the third in a series of Key Issue Forums, which are designed to elicit public opinion on pressing contemporary issues.

The “Technology” forum is scheduled today at 7 p.m. in the library on the second level of Clark County Community College, 3200 E. Cheyenne, telephone 663-6060, ext. 264.

The “Technology” panelists include Dr. Ching-chih Chen, a noted information scientist, associate dean of the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Boston and the author of seven books and numerous articles. She will present “Project Emperor I,” a multimedia event depicting the life and times of the first emperor of China, and includes the 1973 excavation of the 7,000 life-sized terra cotta warriors and horses, which were created to guard his tomb.

Other panelists include Tom Ballard, Director of the Jackson-Hinds Library System in Mississippi, on libraries as information providers; Bill Robinson, UNLV Computer Services, on the Information Systems of the Future; Harold Way, representative of University Microfilms International on the future of CD-ROM technology; Don Bosseau, San Diego State University Librarian, on the Ramifications of New Technologies on Libraries; and Joan Kerschner, Nevada State Librarian, who will discuss the Integration of Statewide Automation.

The Key Issue Forums are part of a public awareness program for the May 9-11 Governor’s Conference on the Future of Libraries.