



Library Update

Summer 2015

~News from the University Libraries for Library Donors~



Mary Casserly, Ph.D.
Dean and Director of Libraries

From Mary Casserly, Dean and Director of Libraries

On July 16th I will retire from my position as Dean and Director. I will miss working with my colleagues in the Libraries and elsewhere on campus and with all of you, our very loyal and generous donors. UAlbany is an extraordinary, inspiring institution and working here has been professionally and personally rewarding beyond words. I am very grateful for my time here.

Since the search to fill my position has not yet been completed, on July 17th Rebecca Mugridge will step up from her current position as Associate Director for Technical Services and Library Systems to serve as Interim Dean and Director. I know that Rebecca will do an amazing job of moving the Libraries forward until the position is permanently filled.

From the Students

I'm not the only one who is grateful to our donors. Here's a link to what some of UAlbany's students have to say to you and all the University's donors: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTmxGNfoFFo&feature=youtu.be>

"Research after Graduation" Webinar

If you were unable to attend this webinar when it was offered on May 19th, you can watch it on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3HlvLnA_X4. The webinar covers search tips and tricks and provides an overview of databases and other resources that are available to our donors, even if you are not an alumna/us. We received many messages from those who did attend about how much they learned. Elaine Lasda Bergman, Subject Librarian for Social Welfare and Reference (elasdabergman@albany.edu), conducted the webinar and welcomes all feedback.



The University Library has new front doors!

Recognition Luncheon

The Libraries held its 41st Annual Recognition Luncheon on April 27th. We honored those employees who reached the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service milestones this year. Their service totaled more than 2 centuries! Eighty guests attended to recognize these valuable employees and we were very pleased that the Provost was able to join us. The Library faculty and staff are very grateful to the members of our Library Development Committee who helped to fund this event.

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Remembering Marcia Brown

Marcia Brown, noted children's book illustrator, UAlbany alumna and long-time supporter of the Libraries, died on April 28. Marcia won the Caldecott Medal for her illustrations of *Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper*, *Once a Mouse*, and *Shadow*. Marcia, for whom the reading room in the Libraries' Special Collections and Archives Department is named, was a very generous donor and a remarkable woman, who led a long and amazing life. Here is a link to her obituary in the New York Times:

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/07/books/marcia-brown-picture-book-illustrator-dies-at-96.html?_r=3

What's Going on this Summer?

We have quite a few projects underway, especially in the University Library. New front doors have been installed. They are very attractive and, more importantly, they are easy to open and close. The other major project is the construction of 9 new group study rooms on the first floor of the University Library. We have also installed new carpet in the Presidents Reading Room.

Therapy Dogs in the Libraries

On April 23rd, just before final exams began, the Schenectady chapter of Therapy Dogs International brought their dogs to the atrium of the Science Library. More than 200 students took the opportunity to visit with the dogs – some to relieve the stress of upcoming exams and others just because they like dogs or miss their own pets. For more photos go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.825086097540204.1073741843.107192069329614&type=1>



The Libraries' Therapy Dogs event rates a selfie.

University News

Here's what's been going on at UAlbany over the last several months:

January 2015 <http://www.albany.edu/news/57005.php>
February 2015 <http://www.albany.edu/news/57484.php>
March 2015 <http://www.albany.edu/news/58160.php>
April 2015 <http://www.albany.edu/news/59006.php>
May 2015 <http://www.albany.edu/news/59714.php>
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