



# Library Update

~ News from the University Libraries for Library Donors ~



## From the Dean

As we approached the end of the fall semester I was struck by the sheer number of students using our three libraries. All of our computer workstations were full and our group study rooms were occupied most of the day and night. In the age of virtual everything the students continue to tell us how important the bricks and mortar library and the in-person services we provide are to them. We would not be able to address our students' needs without support from our administration, faculty, and donors like you. Our students and I thank you!

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

## Open Access Week 2014 Celebration — October 21, 2014



Each year the UAlbany Libraries sponsor an event during [Open Access Week](#) to help raise campus awareness of the benefits of Open Access, “the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need.”

This year, [Dr. Francine Berman](#), Edward G. Hamilton Distinguished Professor of Computer Science at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a driving force behind the Research Data Alliance, spoke about the need to accelerate open access sharing and exchange of research data, and about the important role librarians can play in this process.

James DelRosso, Digital Projects Coordinator for Cornell University’s Hospitality, Labor, and Management Library, presented on getting the most out of an institutional repository. Following Jim’s very informative talk we formally announced the opening of [Scholars Archive](#), the University at Albany’s institutional repository developed by the Libraries to collect, preserve, and provide online access to scholarly research and resources created by University at Albany faculty, staff and students. Scholars Archive will increase discoverability and ensure long-term, reliable access to the University’s scholarly output. We are currently working with faculty across the campus to add their publications, presentations, and other types of scholarly content, including data, to the repository.

## Libraries’ Student Advisory Board

The Libraries’ Student Advisory Board meets 2-3 times each semester to provide input on a wide range of matters related to library services to students. On the agendas of recent meetings: effective use of social media to market library collections and services, usability of the Libraries’ website, and use and redesign of student study and collaboration spaces.



UAlbany Libraries’ Student Advisory Board

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## University News

Here’s what’s been going on at UAlbany since our last newsletter:

November 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/55799.php>)

December 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/56410.php>)

January 2015 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/57005.php>)