From the Dean

We are looking forward to a very exciting year at UA. Within the last month we welcomed the class of 2017, inaugurated our president, and opened our new business building and football stadium. The Libraries are packed with students and we are expanding our collections, services and instruction programs thanks, in large part, to the generosity of friends and alumni like you. We appreciate your past generosity and hope we can count on your future support.

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

Historical Fiction Exhibit

Looking for a good book? If you’re an historical fiction fan you’re bound to find something of interest on the list we created for our new display of historical fiction from our collection. All the classics are represented as well as some more recent titles. Check the exhibits page for the list of titles (under “Suggested Reading”) and links to other information on historical fiction.

Metaliteracy MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)

Trudi Jacobson, head of the UA Libraries’ Information Literacy Department and SUNY Distinguished Librarian, and Tom Mackey, Dean of Empire State College’s Center for Distance Learning, have collaborated to develop a MOOC that is being offered this fall. It is free and open to anyone interested in participating. It is also being used as part of credit bearing courses in information literacy at UA. This is the first MOOC offered by UA and only the third by an institution in the SUNY System. The full description of the course is available here.

Library Development Committee

The LDC held its fall meeting on September 30th to discuss fundraising and outreach efforts. Mary Johnson, the Libraries’ Development Officer, led the discussion on fundraising strategies for the coming year. The meeting ended with a tour of the new School of Business building. If you would like more information about the committee or if you have a question about supporting the UA Libraries, please contact Mary Casserly or Mary Johnson.

UA History: Celebrating Faculty and Students

As part of “Celebrate and Advance UAlbany,” the University Presidential Inauguration week, September 21-28, University Archivist, Geoffrey Williams gave University President Dr. Robert Jones a guided tour of the new exhibit, “Celebrating University at Albany Faculty and Students, 1844 – 2014.” The exhibit, featuring materials from the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, will run from September 20, 2013 through April 15, 2014 in the Science Library Atrium.