



Library Update

~ News from the University Libraries for Library Donors ~



Mary Casserly, Dean & Director of Libraries

From the Dean



The UA Libraries are very fortunate to have many UA Alumni like you who care about libraries, research and learning. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year 622 alumni from across the country showed their support by donating to the Libraries. Thank you for your past generosity and I hope we can count on you for future support.

News from Special Collections

The UA Libraries' M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives has acquired the papers of alumnus and Albany-native Gregory Maguire '76, the best-selling author of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, which was turned into the smash Broadway musical "Wicked." Maguire's personal and professional papers, manuscripts, documents, diaries, and memorabilia, a collection spanning more than 50 years to date, will serve as a resource for scholarly research on his literary career and on the subjects of his many works. This collection joins the papers of Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy, Joseph Persico, and Marcia Brown. See <http://www.albany.edu/news/31350.php> for more information.



Author Gregory Maguire '76

Library Development Committee

The Library Development Committee (LDC) meets twice a year to discuss fundraising and outreach efforts. The LDC members work with the University's Development Officer, Mary Johnson, to reach out to members of their classes and other library donors. Recently, Edith (Walter) Quake '63 worked with Mary to help make our donors aware of the tax advantages of making charitable gifts from their IRAs. If you would like more information on this please contact Mary Johnson, Library Development Officer, at (518) 956-7952, mtjohnson@albany.edu.



Edith Quake '63 and Mary Johnson

The Anna Radkowski-Lee Graduate Student Endowment

Anna Radkowski-Lee, who served as the Library Personnel Officer for 11 years, lost her battle to cancer in fall 2010. Anna worked closely with many graduate students –in the Libraries and elsewhere on campus. She enjoyed spending time with them and was always quick to offer support, encouragement, and advice. Anna's brother, Roman Grygorcewicz, has honored his sister's memory in a very appropriate way by providing the start-up funds for an endowment that will provide partial tuition remission and stipends for graduate students studying Library and Information Science and working in the University Libraries. Additional funds are needed to ensure that the Libraries can fund at least one graduate assistantship each year. If you are interested in supporting this fund, please contact Development Officer, Mary Johnson at 518-956-7952 or mjohnson@albany.edu.

Library Facts and Figures

Resources — Totals as of July 1, 2012		Services — Totals for FY 2012-2013	
Print Volumes	2,485,766	Books and other items checked out	188,303
Microforms	2,939,353	Reserve Items Used	1,043,833
Electronic Full Text Journals	99,035	Reference Questions Answered	41,759
E-Books	107, 323	Expenditures — for FY 2012-2013	
		Collections	\$5.5M
		Salaries and Wages	\$5.9M



Dr. Robert J. Jones

University's New President

On January 2, 2013 Dr. Robert J. Jones became the University at Albany's 19th President. Dr. Jones is an agronomist who comes to UA from the University of Minnesota system. He has already been to all three libraries and we hope to give him an in-depth tour of the University and Science Library facilities, as well as our special collections and archives, this spring. For more on Dr. Jones see <http://www.albany.edu/robert-jones-bio.php>

See <http://library.albany.edu/about/figures> for more information about the libraries.

