



Library Update

~News from the University Libraries for Library Donors~

From the Dean



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Several weeks ago we announced a \$2.2 million gift to the Libraries from Alice Hastings Murphy, former Director of Libraries, in a special edition of this newsletter. In case you missed that, you can see more information about Alice's very generous gift in support of literary materials and the preservation of our collections at http://library.albany.edu/about/press_release_murphy. We are planning to name the Libraries' Preservation Laboratory for Alice and we will be celebrating this naming at an event on October 10, 2014 during Homecoming Weekend. Details will be forthcoming.

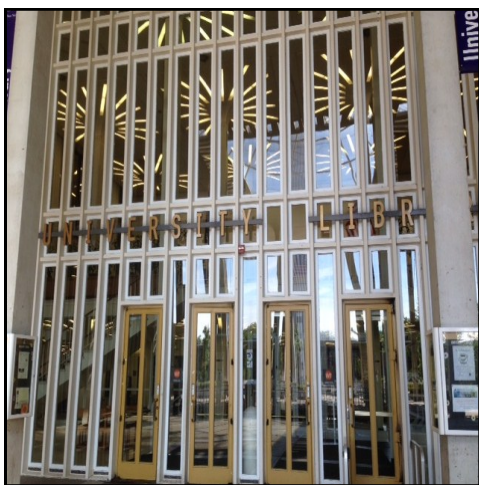
The University Libraries are very fortunate to have many generous donors. We rely on gifts from each of you to provide the services and collections that support the learning and research that goes on at UAlbany.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Renovations to the University Library



A series of much-needed renovations to the University Library will begin this summer. We will be adding more electrical outlets and data drops as well as increasing wireless access to accommodate the students' laptops and other mobile devices. We are also installing new lighting and new front doors. This is the first step in a multi-phase renovation and redesign of the building. The University Library was completed in 1968 and has been largely unchanged since then.

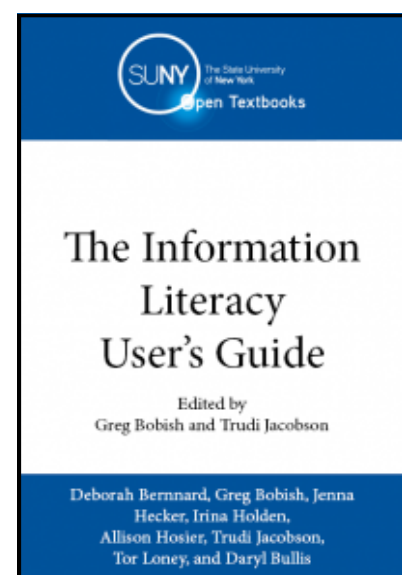


Webinar for Library Donors

Have you ever wondered whether you have access to UA Libraries' collections and services? Would you like to be able to easily find information on the internet that is authoritative and free? Are you interested in tips and tricks for using Google and Bing like an expert? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, we'd like to hear from you. We are considering developing webinars on topics such as these for UA Library donors. Please take our brief survey at <http://tinyurl.com/UAlbWebinar> and let us know what you think about this idea. We'd like to hear from you by August 8, 2014.

Information Literacy Open Access Textbook

We are very excited about the publication of *The Information Literacy User's Guide*, a textbook authored and edited by members of the Libraries' Information Literacy Department. This textbook is intended to introduce undergraduate students to critical concepts in information literacy and includes real life examples, case studies, and scenarios, as well as hands-on exercises and interactive quizzes. It can also be used by independent learners. This text is part of the Open SUNY textbook publishing initiative and is freely available online. It has already received more than 5,000 views in the 3 months since it was published. You can see it at <http://opensuny.org/omp/index.php/SUNYOpenTextbooks/catalog/book/170>.



UA Libraries by the Numbers

Did you know that the UA Libraries have more than 2 million print volumes, almost 3 million microforms and 75,000 electronic journals? We also have more than 117,000 e-books and 387,000 government documents that are accessible online. Last year we spent \$5.7 million on our collections. You can see more facts and figures about the UA Libraries at <http://library.albany.edu/about/figures>.

University News



Here's what's been going on at UA over the last several months:
March 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/47906.php>)
April 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/48908.php>)
May 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/50192.php>)
June 2014 (<http://www.albany.edu/news/50638.php>)