Save The Date

Ninth Annual Dinner with Friends
Saturday, April 9, 2011
6:30 p.m.
W.E.B. Du Bois Library

Featuring guest speakers:
Roy Blount, Jr. and Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina

Roy Blount, Jr. is a humorist, sportswriter, poet, performer, lecturer, dramatist, and writer. He is the author of 21 books including Alphabet Juice (2009) and Hail, Hail, Euphoria!: Presenting the Marx Brothers in Duck Soup, the Greatest War Movie Ever Made (October 2010). Roy's writing has appeared in numerous publications, including The New Yorker, Playboy, Vanity Fair, GQ, Rolling Stone, and National Geographic. His work has also been anthologized in such collections as The Best of Modern Humor and many others. He is a panelist on NPR's Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me and the president of the Authors Guild. Raised in Decatur, Georgia, Blount received a bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Harvard University.

Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina is the host of the nationally-syndicated program “The Book Show,” on which she interviews every week some of the finest writers working today. She has appeared frequently on British television and radio documentaries. Some of her books include Mr. and Mrs. Prince (2009), A Room of Their Own (2008), The Annotated Secret Garden (2007), and Francis Hodgson Burnett (2006). Gretchen has a bachelor’s from Marlboro College, a master’s from Simmons College, and a doctorate from Stanford University. She has been a tenured professor at Vassar College and at Barnard College, Columbia University. She is now the Kathie Tappe Vernon Professor in Biography at Dartmouth College, where she is the first woman ever to chair the English department, and the first African American woman to chair an Ivy League English department.

The Dinner with Friends is our annual fundraiser. Individual and corporate sponsorships are available. Contact friends@library.umass.edu for details.
Welcome

Over the summer, Emily Silverman, our longtime Director of Library Development and Communication, left us to move to North Carolina with her husband Mike Milewski, who recently retired from Special Collections and University Archives. To fill behind Emily, we conducted a national search.

In reading the numerous applications we received from professionals across the country, it was obvious that many were specifically interested in joining UMass Amherst Libraries to be a part of the excellent work being done here—work you have been reading about in past issues of this newsletter. After an extensive interview process, we found that we had a gem of a person, sitting right here on our front porch at UMass Amherst.

It is my pleasure to welcome Carol Connare as the Director of Library Development and Communication. For the past seven years, Carol produced various university publications, websites, and videos, primarily focused on fundraising, including serving as editor of UMass Magazine.

Carol’s diverse experience in communications and development, her enthusiasm, her knowledge of the community and her dedication to the campus and Libraries’ mission all promise that she will provide the leadership required to continue UMass Amherst Libraries’ success in Friend-raising and fund-raising. She is also very excited to be working with our three support organizations—the Friends of the Library Board, the Director’s Council, and the Executive Board of the Du Bois Center.

Please help me welcome Carol Connare as she joins our excellent staff who provide the highest quality library and information services possible for the students and faculty of UMass Amherst.

Jay Schafer
Director of Libraries

Teaching Commons Opens

www.library.umass.edu/teachingcommons

The Teaching Commons, a space for faculty to collaborate or work individually, equipped with computers and presentation equipment, on site assistance and faculty service referrals, opened in May. The Teaching Commons supports the instruction, research, and development needs of the UMass Amherst faculty. Located on Floor 26 of Du Bois Library, the Teaching Commons is a collaboration between the Office of Faculty Development, OIT Academic Computing, and the UMass Amherst Libraries. The Library hosted an Open House for faculty in May. The program included welcoming remarks followed by discussion and tours of the facility.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Website

www.library.umass.edu

The Libraries have released a redesigned website, with improved visibility; a prominent search box with an ability to search a broader range of resources; and better highlighting of valuable library services and collections. The new design is the culmination of extensive efforts to gather, analyze, and incorporate user feedback from students, faculty, and staff, which was collected through surveys, focus groups, and web analytics. The Libraries will continue to evaluate and improve the site over time.

Resource Discovery Service

http://umass.worldcat.org

The Libraries now offer UMass Amherst WorldCat for finding books, journals, articles, media, maps, and more in libraries and collections locally and around the world. Available as the default search box on the Libraries home page, UMass Amherst WorldCat gives searchers a simple gateway to find and retrieve a broad range of materials, including the Five College Catalog, the Boston Library Consortium virtual catalog, the OCLC WorldCat database, articles from a wide selection of journal indexes, and archival items held in numerous collections.

Camcorders and digital audio recorders and their accessories are available to UMass Amherst students to assist them with multimedia class assignments thanks to the collaboration of OIT, the Provost’s Office, and the Libraries.

The Libraries provide access to audio and video databases including Classical Music Library, Naxos Video Library, Smithsonian Global Sound, and FMG Films on Demand for faculty to integrate into their curriculum.

A large-format poster printer is available in the Learning Commons. This service is open to all, by appointment.

The new Circulation/Reserves Desk on the Lower Level of the Du Bois Library combines the services of the Circulation Desk with those of the Reserves Desk, providing “one stop shopping” to most library services on one floor during all hours the building is open.
On October 3, the Friends of the UMass Amherst Libraries hosted the 12th Annual Fall Reception. The keynote speaker, garden designer Debbie Windoloski, gave a talk, “Reflections on North Hill and Its Two Renowned Gardeners.” Joe Eck and Wayne Winterrowd were originally scheduled to be the keynote speakers. Sadly, Wayne Winterrowd passed away on September 17.

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Association for Gravestone Studies Collection

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MEMORIAL GIFTS 2010
The Library received gifts in memory of the following individuals:
(from July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010)
John A. Connare, Jr.
James P. Crompton, Jr. ’50
Barbara Durkee Desrosiers ’57
Siegfried Feller
Robert W. Gage ’38
Jacqueline Gentil
Joshua K. Gold ’93
Randall E. Graham ’08
Jessica Hayes ’01
Priscilla G. Hicks
Joseph S. Hopkins
Marjorie Karlson
Edward Reed Kaynor
William W. Kimbrel ’79, G’85
David C. Knapp
Katharine A. Knutsen G’71, G’76
Nina Iaridi
John J. MacLaughlan
Theresa Maravelas
Jonny and Frances Miller
Herman B. Nash
Edward S. Pira
Diane Schaler Prince
Robert L. Rowell
Jeffrey M. Tenenbaum
Estelle E. Wallenius
Helen V. Walsh ’71

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Vanessa A. Cieslak ’76
Alexa Colly
Olivia Colly
Hilda Golden
Norton Jutter
James R. Kelly
Laura E. Kelly ’12
Kathryn L. Kern ’10
Lewis C. Mainzer
Barbara Parker
Elizabeth A. Pugh ’71
Rebecca Reznik-Zellen
Maha K. Rudman
Emily S. Silverman

Friends of the Library Board of Trustees

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the board, Merle M. Ryan G’82, G’89. Merle worked at UMass Amherst for 28 years, retiring in 2002. She was Coordinator of Deaf Services, Associate Director of Financial Aid, and Assistant Dean of Students. Merle also was an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Education. Merle has a master’s degree and a doctorate in education from UMass Amherst.

Carol Connare
was appointed to the position of Director of Library Development and Communication. Carol holds a bachelor’s in communications from the University of New Hampshire. Previously, she was Chief Editorial Officer in University Relations at UMass Amherst, and Communications Manager/Editor at Large at Yankee Magazine.

Steven Bishop
was appointed to the position of Integrated Library System Coordinator. He holds a master’s of Information and Library Science from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has more then 15 years experience in both academic libraries and information technology.

Gordon Fretwell
was awarded the 2010 Library Assessment Career Achievement Award from the Association of Research Libraries. Gordon was instrumental in creating the definitions for standardized use of statistical data for research librarians.

Maxine Schmidt and Rebecca Reznik-Zellen
presented “Get on your boots: a model for low-cost, regional professional development for science librarians at the University of Massachusetts,” at the International Association of Scientific and Technical University Libraries annual conference at Purdue University.

Brian Shelbourne,
director of the Image Collection Library, in collaboration with Virginia Tech, co-taught a course “Art and Archaeology of Ancient Greece” while leading students on a tour through various locations in Greece, including Athens, Delphi, Olympia, and Sparta. He produced 1,000 images for the Image Collection Library. www.library.umass.edu/icl

Matthew Sheridan
was appointed to the position of Scanning Assistant in Special Collections and University Archives.

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We raised nearly $1.2 million...Thank you!

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Glimpses of the Pre-Quabbin Swift River Valley and the Quabbin Reservoir of Today

Through January 1, 2011, the Science and Engineering Library is hosting an exhibit of photographs of the Quabbin Reservoir by Les Campbell, one of the best-known photographers in the Pioneer Valley. Campbell has preserved hundreds of images of the pre-Quabbin Swift River Valley.

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