September 24, 2014

Dear Friend of the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery:

We invite you to become a member of the Friends of the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery. The Friends group is now in its 17th year of support for the library’s mission of providing learning resources and cultural leadership for UMBC and the community.

As you establish your membership, you may wish to specify your donation as dedicated to specific acquisitions or programs, or to any of the endowment funds which support the Library & Gallery, such as the Joseph Larkin Arnold Endowment Fund which supports the Special Collections Marylandia holdings, or the Founders & Friends endowment which supports the Library & Gallery as a center of community life through acquisitions and cultural events. Other dedicated funds accepting donations are listed at:  http://aok.lib.umbc.edu/admin/friends/donations.php

We should all note, and be proud of, the Friends’ support of the Library during the past year, including acquisitions of new materials for the Library’s collections and sponsorship of programs. The past year’s programs may be seen at: http://aok.lib.umbc.edu/admin/friends/eventinfoPast.php

The Friends provided additional titles for the Leisure Reading program during the past year, as well as key items for Special Collections. Acquired were the privately printed, first complete version of the nine surviving volumes of Lewis Carroll’s diaries, William Henry Jackson’s Famous Pictures of the World’s Fair: the White Flower of Architecture, The Diaries of William Henry Jackson, and Man Ray’s La Photographie N’est Pas L’art, among several other items. Also acquired was an 1882 original manuscript ledger of a Baltimore teacher detailing her course outline and lesson plans.

Highlights of the Friends sponsored events of the 2014-2015 academic year include:

**Theatre with Dinner** - scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015: *Mud*, by María Irene Fornés, directed by Colette Searls. This will be the first Theatre with Dinner to feature a performance in the new Performing Arts and Humanities Building Black Box Theatre.

**The Library Gallery** - Victoria Sambunaris: Taxonomy of a Landscape, August 27 - December 17, 2014. This exhibition presents photographs made over the span of more than a decade by photographer Victoria Sambunaris as she traversed the United States, stopping to photograph phenomena ubiquitous and familiar to particular regions but anomalous to the ordinary eye: massive distribution facilities, complex transport systems, colossal mining operations, majestic mountain gaps, exploding mud pots. Acting as both document and metaphor for the American experience, Sambunaris’s photographs bring into view the vast, open-ended mystery and unease of a country where human intervention and natural beauty inspire wonder in equal measure. Collected ephemera - the essential, and incidental, elements of Sambunaris’s work as a photographer and researcher are also included in this exhibition.
Fall BookNotes and a Spring MusicNotes are in planning.

Spring Celebration of UMBC Student Writing and Art - the Release of Bartleby 2015, to be scheduled for April, 2015.

We thank you for your support of the UMBC Library & Gallery.

Best wishes,

Austin P. Platt, Chair
Friends of the Library & Gallery

Larry Wilt
Director of the Library

Enclosure: donation form

P.S. on our email list: Several years ago we established a Friends of the Library & Gallery email list to notify Friends members of events and programs. Each year we update and refine that list. If you are interested in being added to the list, changing your email address on the list, being removed from this list, receiving paper notifications only, or receiving both email and paper notifications, please complete the form below and return it to us. If you prefer to respond to this notification by email you may send your information to Linda Durkos, durkos@umbc.edu.

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