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Dear Friends,

In this issue, there are two stories that reflect important investments of library resources. The first is our library website. The new website represents our first major overhaul of the website in five years. While we are always making small changes and improvements, this represents significant effort by our webmaster, Debra Riley-Huff; our Web resources librarian, Jing Jing Wu; and a number of other library staff. We hope you will find the new website attractive and easy to navigate. It has been designed so that it can be used on any type of device. We urge you to have a look and would love to hear your comments.

A second exciting development involves the Friends of the Library. As many know, Dr. John Pilkington and Dr. Chuck Noyes led Friends of the Library for years. With the passing of both gentlemen, the task of keeping the organization fell to three Friends board members, Dr. Gerald Walton, Dr. Ann Abadie and Mary Ann Frugé. With their help, we have now convened a new board. Dr. Stephen Monroe, an assistant dean in the College of Liberal Arts, has agreed to be interim president. Dr. Jennifer Ford, head of archives and special collections, has agreed to serve as secretary, and Dr. Joe Ward, chair and professor of history, has agreed to serve as treasurer. Committees are being formed to address membership, bylaws and communications. The group is especially interested in ideas for celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Friends organization in 2015. So please, stay tuned for more developments and announcements from this group.

Sincerely,

Julia Rhoads

Dean of University Libraries

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