Human Resources Updates
The search committee for the University Archivist position met last week to review thirty-five applications they have received to date. The Fine Arts Library specialist position has been posted and Human Resources is accepting applications. The Head of Special Collections search committee has received nine applications to date. The interviews for Business Librarian will take place in two weeks; dates and schedules will follow shortly as soon as they have been arranged with the candidates.

Graduate Student Poster Competition
The Libraries will host the 2013 Graduate Student Poster Competition in the two reading rooms on the lobby level. Jennifer Rae Hartman will be the Libraries’ contact person and will work with Diane Cook from the Graduate School on the details.

Faculty Offices
Due to expected hire and new faculty, as a rule the locations for office space will be determined by seniority, which would have the benefit of newer tenure track librarians having closer contact with other librarians in the central reference offices. Senior faculty will not be required to move, but will be given the first option on open offices outside of Reference.

Reports and Updates
The President’s Symposium last Friday was well attended and provided good opportunities for networking. The president’s message will be posted on the Website.

Sally Hawks of the Arkansas State Library sent out a bid document for a variety of sources. The State Library is trying to negotiate consortial purchasing for all of the libraries in the state, and this call for bids from vendors is the first step. State Library funding has dropped, so they are not able to offer free resources to libraries, but they are trying to use group discounts to help smaller libraries in the state. The OCLC bid is based on full time equivalent students, and certain aspects of access remain unclear. The Admin Group will review the State Library’s proposal when the bids are in to determine specifics.

Submissions for the merit pool raise for non-classified salaries will be accepted from May 9-17 only. All outstanding evaluations must be submitted ASAP to ensure eligibility for the raise.

The trial of the KIC scanner has amassed more than 6000 scans already, and is very popular with patrons. Facilities will purchase the trial model, but Systems will provide a CPU to run it to reduce the final cost of the machine.

Juana will put out the equipment and travel requests for the next budget year.

The First Annual Diversity Awards will be held on Monday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Union Room 404. Everyone is invited to attend.

Jim Rankin sent a letter to the deans and associate vice chancellors to inform them that three candidates for the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs have been selected for on campus interviews.