

## A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR



I want to invite you to read the fall 2009 issue of the *Langsdale Link*, Langsdale Library's newsletter. We created the *Link* to keep you informed of new library resources and events. I hope you find the information within to be entertaining, engaging and useful.

Much of this issue highlights programs and initiatives that we have implemented in recent months or which we plan to launch this semester. As I look at the articles here, I realize how busy we've been. Last spring, we conducted faculty and student surveys and focus groups that have informed much of our decision-making on new and improved services. We are also excited to offer a new interface to our catalog, WorldCat Local, which provides users with a combined search of articles, books, DVDs and archival materials. We hope the new catalog will be easier to use and also that it will offer users more resources in a single search. This fall, we open a new leisure reading collection. We have had great success with our DVD collection, and we expect faculty and students who want slightly lighter fare will enjoy reading the latest novel or a non-fiction bestseller. Please come visit and peruse the shelves.

Lastly, the marketing committee at Langsdale is reaching out to students and faculty with a number of programs and activities this fall. We look forward to receiving submissions to our video competition and expect that the book sale and the John Waters'-film showing will draw guests from both the UB and local community. Planning is also underway for more programming this year, including celebrations honoring alumni and faculty authors, speakers and more. You undoubtedly will read more about those events in the next issue of the *Link*.

So, welcome back to the fall! I wish you both a fun and productive semester. As always, we welcome comments from the UB community. Please feel free to contact me: [lholman@ubalt.edu](mailto:lholman@ubalt.edu) with your thoughts or suggestions.