

Library Management Team (LMT) Meeting

2/18/2025 at 2:00 PM

Attendees: S. Cary, M. Gaunt, A. Huelsbergen, K. Peters, J. Pierce, S. Pryor, E. Shaw, J. Thompson, K. Whatley

Support: N. Whyte

Library Hours Discussion (Kara)

The Student Fee Review Committee suggested reassessing the use of funds for overnight hours. Usage of the library is low during overnights.

Although nothing has been decided or communicated out yet, a petition started circulating online to keep Ellis Library open 24/5. Concerns have been raised by students and parents regarding potential changes to library hours.

Discussions ensued about possible solutions, including keeping just a portion of the library open late and cordoning off the rest. 24/7 access could still be provided during peak times like finals week. Savings could be reallocated to improve services for students.

Further discussions with campus administration and facilities are needed to determine feasibility and costs.

Advancement Updates (Kara and Matt)

A Giving Day video featuring Kara is now live on the Mizzou Giving Day website.

Recent fundraising efforts have brought the West Stacks project close to the \$1 million mark, with a goal of \$1.5 million.

Kara and Matt have started doing trainings with a consulting partner called Plus Delta.

Kara, Ernest and Steven are working on NSF grant application for expanding capacity for research data sharing.

Kara and Matt are taking a fundraising trip to Florida next week and there is optimism about securing donor support.

The upcoming Library Society event will emphasize the importance of journal subscriptions among other priorities.

Due to changing dynamics on campus, Libraries may gain more direct access to high-capacity donors, and efforts are being made to secure major gifts.

Personnel and Hiring Updates (Group)

Several new hires have recently started, including positions in access services and acquisitions.

Searches are ongoing for librarian positions in journalism, veterinary medicine, and social sciences.

Journalism librarian search committee has begun reviewing applications.

Special Collections is looking to replace a part-time reading room assistant.

PT Martin from IT is retiring in April, and efforts are underway to fill the position.

Budget Planning for FY26 (Kathy)

The Provost's Office has requested budget scenarios for a 2% increase, flat budget, 2% decrease, and 5% decrease.

Discussions are ongoing regarding potential cost-saving measures.

ACTS and Specialized Libraries Updates (Jenny)

Vet Med Library move is on track for completion by July 1st.

Health Sciences Library is preparing for 24-hour access starting in May.

Surplus processing is ongoing in Room 52.

Shared de-duplication projects are progressing.

Archives & Special Collections (Anselm)

Archives received a large collection from the law school.

Stack maintenance and relocation projects are ongoing by Special Collections staff.

Digital Initiatives (Steven)

Migration of the Digital Library to a new server is in progress, with quality checks underway.

ViewFind implementation is scheduled for summer.

Folio-related issues, including course reserves integration, are being addressed.

Library Systems & Technology (Ernest)

Sierra shutdown is nearly complete, with data being archived for reporting purposes.

Approvals to purchase Keenious AI have been secured, and implementation will start soon.

Research, Access, and Instructional Services (Jeannette)

Workshops and instruction sessions are ongoing across the Libraries.

New Discover@MU interface is being tested, with a planned launch after the semester ends.

Course reserves functionality in the new EDS interface is a concern; working with EBSCO to fix.

Nav has been meeting with the four-campus web accessibility team.

Jeannette reminded supervisors to fill out form to update the staff directory when employees join or leave.

Next LMT meeting is scheduled for Tue March 4th at 2 PM