Students Pass Enhance Mizzou Fee to Help Improve University Libraries

During the 2017 spring semester, the MU students proposed, campaigned for and passed a fee to increase funding for facilities and resources across campus. Money from the fee will be used to improve the University Libraries, mental health services, technology, student activities, and facilities. The fee is $35 per semester for a full-time undergraduate student, with the largest portion of the fee, $12, going toward the Libraries. Graduate students pay a slightly smaller fee per semester. The referendum passed with 79 percent of 9,420 voters in favor of the fee.

The fee was proposed after the Division of Student Affairs sent out a survey to student groups across campus. The students were asked to identify their satisfaction with resources on campus and to prioritize their needs for improvement. This data was shared with several student government groups, including the Missouri Students Association and the Graduate Professional Council. Discussion between administration and the student groups led to the Enhance Mizzou fee proposal. The Libraries were involved during the entire process. The MU students had voted down a library fee in the fall of 2015. There are several reasons that may account for why this fee passed and that one did not. The Enhance Mizzou fee is a much smaller dollar amount than the 2015 fee, and it covers many areas on campus, not just the Libraries. In addition, we did have to cut Ellis Library (and some specialized libraries) hours when the 2015 fee failed, so students saw consequences of not having student fee support.

The results of the Division of Student Affairs survey showed that Library services are highly valued by the students. Students who took the survey were particularly concerned about access to study space and technology. After the previous fee effort, the Libraries created the University Libraries Student Advisory Council (ULSAC), which exists of student government leaders from across campus. ULSAC has advised Libraries administration on a list of priorities to funded by the Enhance Mizzou fee. You can see the results of those discussions in the sidebar on page 2.

The passage of Enhance Mizzou is a success for the University Libraries, but more importantly, it is a success for the students of Mizzou. The students told us they had a need for better services; they agreed upon a way to pay for those needs; and now it is up to the Libraries to implement their request. Since our users are always at the center of what we do, we look forward to working with students moving forward to Enhance Mizzou and its Libraries.

Note from the Director

As we end another academic year, I am happy to report that despite budget difficulties, we have had some important successes at the University Libraries. In the spring, the MU students passed the Enhance Mizzou Fee, which will pay for improvements to student services including the Libraries. About a third of the money from the fee goes to the Libraries and reaffirms our role as a central, vital student resource.

In addition to passing the fee, the students have demonstrated their support by funding several Libraries projects through the Student Fee Capital Improvement Committee (SFCIC). More on student support on page 2.

Our donors have also shown their support in a variety of ways. The newest way was through the first ever Mizzou Giving Day. The Libraries raised over $100,000, much of it online, in 24 hours! We also just wrapped up our first Library Society reception as part of Mizzou’s Donor Appreciation Weekend, and we had a record crowd for the Library Society event. Thanks so much for the support you have shown us in so many ways throughout the year.

Due to budget cuts to the entire MU campus and UM system, we made big cuts to our book and journal budget this year. Unfortunately, we have been asked to make substantial cuts again for the upcoming academic year. Your donations can make an impact during these difficult times. We use the money from endowments to fund materials that we would otherwise not be able to afford. You can also purchase materials right now that our students and faculty need. Go to page 4 to find out how.

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Friends of the University Libraries Busy in 2017

The library's Friends group is off to a busy year. In March, 46 gifts totaling $11,570.39 were given to the Friends of the Libraries gift fund. This year, we're seeing a lot of generosity coming during Mizzou Giving Day and helped put the University Libraries in the top half of all units on campus. Things haven't slowed down from there. This spring, Friends held their annual business meeting and spring luncheon, made awards to winners of the Stuckey Essay contest and Undergraduate Research Paper Contest, worked with Special Collections on a presentation and table at the Unbound Book Festival, and raised $1,100 for Special Collections at a book signing for William Least Heat-Moon's new book, Collected Mechanics, which involved collaborating with other library stakeholders. As a member of the Research and Instruction Services department, I am also a subject specialist, research consultant, and information literacy instructor. This year, I've focused on outreach, communication, and marketing to reach our users. I am our social media team coordinator and a member of the marketing team. I worked with the marketing team to create our Library News Hub. It provides a way for library staff and users to do the information about updates on services, collections, staff, workshops, and other events. library.mizzou.edu/news.

What led you to the University Libraries? Although I didn’t grow up in Missouri, I was raised in a Mizzou Tiger family: my aunt, uncle, and grandfather all attended Mizzou, and my parents met in Engineering programs at Missouri S&T (then University of Missouri-Rolla). So, the University of Missouri Libraries were always on my radar. When I saw the posting for a User Engagement position, I knew it’d be a great fit for me because I love outreach and innovative problem solving. My role in the Libraries is very collaborative, and I’ve found that the librarians and staff here are super dedicated and friendly— I couldn’t imagine a better place to work!

IN MEMORIAM

Karla Geerlings, 52, died on April 20, 2017, in Columbia. Karla was born in Columbia the daughter of Edward Henry and Roxan Ann (Kespohl) Kespohl. She was married in 1989 to Michael Geerlings. Karla began working at the University Libraries as a student assistant at the Veterinary Medicine Library in 1982. She joined the full-time staff at Ellis Library in 1988. During the nearly 30 years that followed, she worked in a variety of units and departments, including physical processing, serials cataloging, and authority control. She worked her way up to senior library specialist and was responsible for select cataloging, authority work, and supervision of students. In addition, she was a library supporter, an active member of Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church, a volunteer for Camp Hickory Hill, and an alum of the Marching Mizzou Band. She was survived by her mother, husband, two children, Sean Michael Geerlings and Kristine Marie Geerlings; her four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. She was survived by her mother; husband; two children, Sean Michael Geerlings and Kristine Marie Geerlings; her four grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

What is a user engagement librarian? As the User Engagement Librarian, I wear a lot of different hats. Overall, I work to improve user relations and user experience, which involves collaborating with other library stakeholders. As a member of the Research and Instruction Services department, I am also a subject specialist, research consultant, and information literacy instructor. This year, I’ve focused on outreach, communication, and marketing to reach our users. I am our social media team coordinator and a member of the marketing team. I worked with the marketing team to create our Library News Hub. It provides a way for library staff and users to do the information about updates on services, collections, staff, workshops, and other events. library.mizzou.edu/news.

Other projects I’ve worked on lately have included cutting down course materials costs for students by coordinating the Open Educational Resources Interest Group, and establishing the University Libraries Student Advisory Council to improve communication with student government and other student organizations. You are working closely with the new

Meet the Librarian

Grace Atkins, User Engagement Librarian

Where in the library?

Do you know where in the MU Libraries this picture was taken? Find the answer on page 6. Photo by Gwen Gray

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Institutions de physique by Emilie du Chatelet. Emilie du Chatelet is one of the most prominent female scientists of the 18th century. This is her major work in a first edition. $3,815.
Mizzou Giving Day

From noon on March 15 to noon on March 16, Mizzou participated in its first-ever day-long campaign. Mizzou Giving Day was a huge success for the University Libraries and all of Mizzou! Thank you to everyone who participated in Mizzou Giving Day by donating or participating on social media. When the counting was done, Mizzou had raised $8,342,149 through 3,392 gifts.

The library had 118 gifts totaling $115,084. All gifts were cash or stock, no estate gifts or other deferred gifts. That is a huge cash number for the Libraries!

There were a couple of fun added aspects to Mizzou Giving Day. First, there were several social media games. Taylor Tatum, an MU student who won a game by posting a Mizzou selfie on social media was able to choose any department on campus to give $900. She chose the Libraries! In addition, all the departments on campus were competing with each other to earn extra money. The Libraries did not rank high enough to earn the extra money, but we did rank 8th in money raised and 9th in number of donations out of the 21 units that participated. Considering the stiff competition, we were very proud of the support we received.

This was an exceptional result for our first ever “Giving Day.” I know University Libraries will build on this success and surpass these numbers next year. Thanks again to everyone that participated.

Cheers,
Matt Gaunt

Library Society Reception as Part of Donor Recognition Weekend Welcomes Library Supporters

From Friday, April 28, through Sunday, April 30, the University of Missouri’s Donor Recognition Weekend featured a range of events to honor Mizzou’s most devoted supporters. This was the first year that the University Libraries annual Library Society event was included in the Donor Recognition Weekend. This year’s event, which was a reception instead of the traditional dinner, drew more than 160 alumni and friends to the Grand Reading Room in Ellis Library. All photos by Scott Peterson.

Special Thanks to Our Mizzou Giving Day Lead Donors

Katharine C. Humwall, PhD ’94 $20,000
Mary Jane Smith, BS ’62 and Stephen Smith, PhD $30,000
Richard P. Toft, BS/BA ’75 $27,006.50

Gifts of $20,000 or More

Ken Mares, AB ’65

Gifts of $10,000 to $20,000

Jeanette E. Bobeen, AB ’73, MA ’74
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Gifts of Under $500

Katharine C. Hunwall, PhD ’94

Librarians Supporting Entrepreneurs

Gwen Gray and Kate Anderson serve as business advisors for the Coulter Boot Camp. The Coulter Translational Partnership Program brings together engineers and clinicians to solve unmet clinical needs and improve patient care: http://coulter.missouri.edu/

The Libraries and MU Librarians, in general, support many other entrepreneurial programs and units on campus such as the Missouri Innovation Center, The Entrepreneurial Alliance, OTMIR (Office of Technology Management and Industry Relations), CLIMB (Collaboration, Leadership and Innovation for Missouri Business), and BIG (Biomedical Innovators Group). In addition, MU Librarians work with MU Extension faculty and staff who assist Missouri citizens around the state with their entrepreneurial ventures.

Where in the MU Libraries?

above: The photo on page 2 was taken in a group study room in Ellis Library. MU students are often looking for a quiet place to study. There are 12 study rooms for group use in Ellis Library and several more in the specialized libraries. These rooms can be reserved and are in high-demand throughout the semester. As you can see in this photo, the students make good use of the study rooms and the white boards!

From the Annual Report

For fiscal year 2016, the University Libraries created the first annual report that has been published by the Libraries in about ten years. You can see excerpts from the annual report on this success and surpass these numbers next year. Thanks again to everyone that participated.
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