Working closely with MSA and GPC executive committees, MU Libraries’ leadership has developed a plan for investing in our library system. This plan includes modernized spaces, innovative services and expanded collections. The full proposal is available at <http://library.missouri.edu/yes/>.

**Modernized Spaces:** Create inspiring learning environments, both physical and online, that support collaborative and individual scholarship.

* Renovations to Ellis Library and the eight specialized libraries, including an expanded Bookmark Café, additional quiet study space, increased collaborative space**,** an electronic classroom, digital media lab, more power outlets and improved wireless access.

**Innovative Services:** Provide equipment, software and technical expertise to support the broad range of student academic pursuits at MU.

* 24/7 library operationswith restricted access during extended hours – MU ID required
* Instructional and research support services with library programming that will enable students to succeed in a technological and knowledge-rich society
* Librarians and staff specializing in digital media services, graphic design, student experience, preservation, web services, eLearning and more

**Expanded Collections:** Ensure access to a growing array of current and multi-disciplinary scholarly works in all formats.

* Scholarly books and journals from all disciplines
* Databases
* Film and video resources through streaming media
* Popular reading

This proposal includes a fee structure that will be implemented fully over 6 years.

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| Academic Year | Fee Per credit hour | Cost per semester (15 credit hours) | Estimated New Funding |
| 2016-2017 | 5.00 | 75.00 | 4,330,000 |
| 2017-2018 | 7.00 | 105.00 | 6,062,000 |
| 2018-2019 | 9.00 | 135.00 | 7,794,000 |
| 2019-2020 | 11.00 | 165.00 | 9,526,000 |
| 2020-2021 | 13.00 | 195.00 | 11,258,000 |
| 2021-2022 | 15.00 | 225.00 | 12,990,000 |

MO Senate Bill 389 caps increases in tuition and mandatory fees at the consumer price index (CPI). However, Mizzou’s students can, through a referendum, choose to self-impose fees. Student leadership has responded favorably to the idea of a fee to support our library system. MU Libraries are the only academic unit on campus without a fee and, as a result, we have been falling behind our peers, both in national rankings and in our ability to serve the campus community.

A yes vote will have a transformative effect on our libraries and our campus. The decision, made by students, regarding this proposal to invest additional funds in the MU Libraries will directly impact library services, the academic reputation of the university, and the lasting value of an MU degree.

**Great universities have great libraries. Vote to invest in the MU Libraries.**