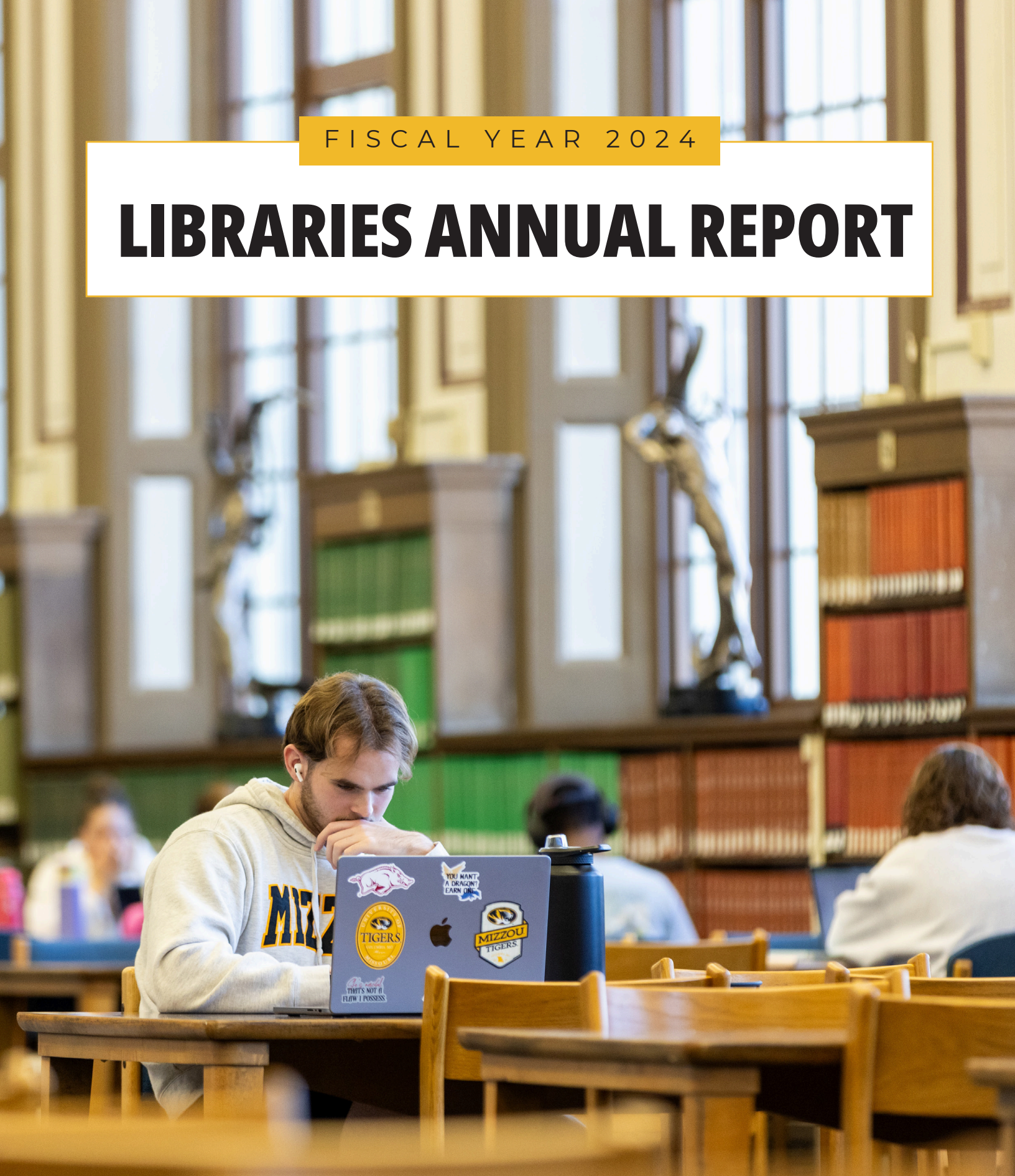
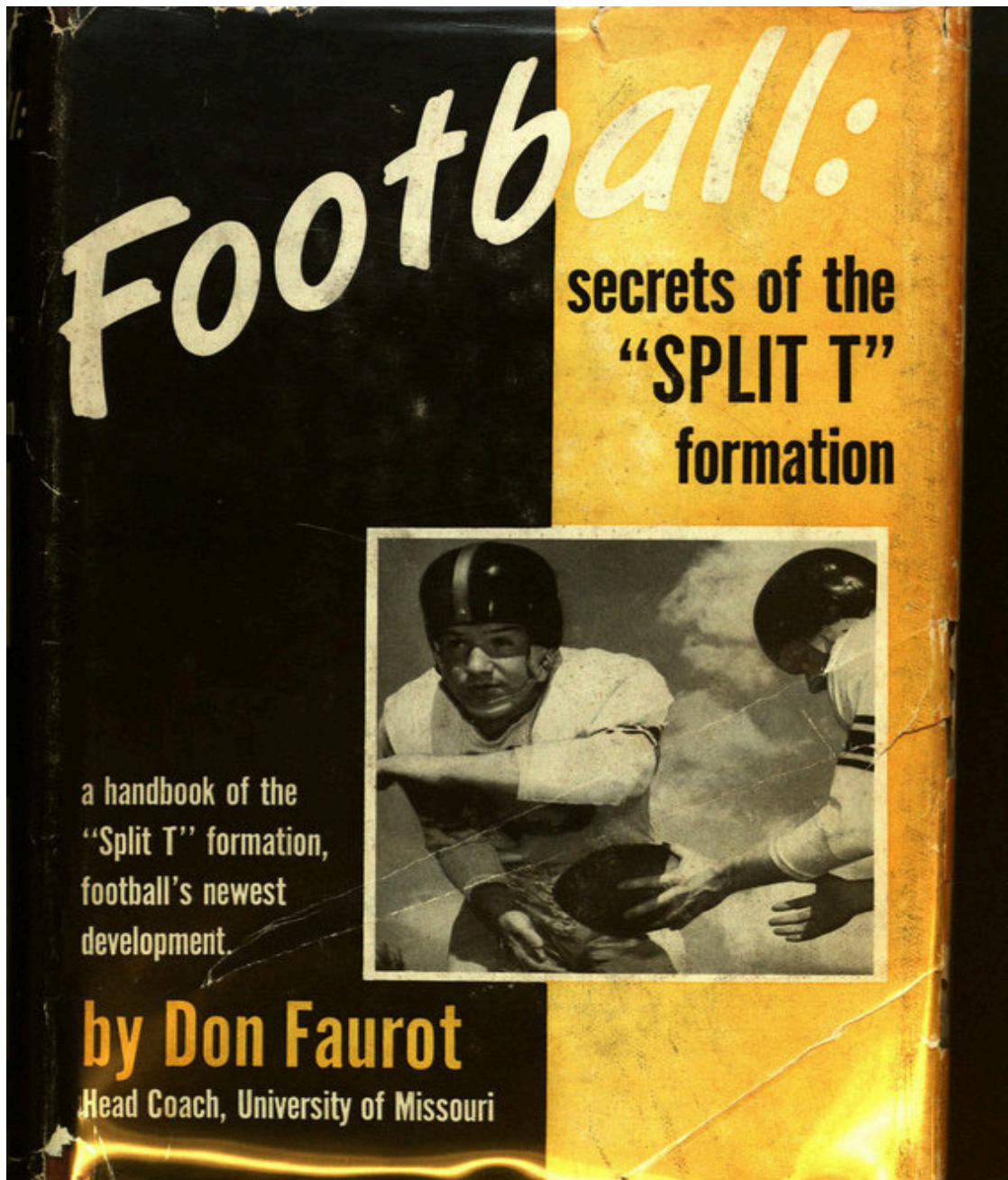


FISCAL YEAR 2024

LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT



University of Missouri



Football: Secrets of the "Split T" Formation, written by Don Faurot, Missouri's head football coach, in 1950. From the Mizzou Libraries digital collection.

Our Libraries

Elmer Ellis Library (main library) | Engineering Library and Technology Commons | G. Unklesbay Geological Sciences Library | J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library | Journalism Library | Mathematical Sciences Library | Zalk Veterinary Medical Library | Special Collections and Archives | University of Missouri System Libraries Depository

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University Libraries

Fiscal Year 2024 Expenditures

Total: \$17,011,863

Personnel: \$7,372,493

Collections: \$6,250,498

Operating: \$1,142,643

UM Shared Resources: \$2,246,229



New Faces

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Acquisitions, Collections & Technical Services

STARA HERRON
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Public Services Archivist





Cycle of Success



Student Worker Awarded for Making Maps More Accessible

Last fall, Gabriela Ionita, a former student worker in the MU Libraries' Digital Media and Innovation Lab (DMiL), received a Lee Henson Access Mizzou award for the work she did on making the library's web maps more accessible. Her supervisor Nav Khanal, MU Libraries head of teaching and learning, stated, "I am very proud of Gabriela's initiative and her dedication and attention to detail to make the maps color accessible for our users." Gabriela, a biological sciences major, was recognized for her map of the seating arrangements in Ellis Library. While the original map had similar shades of green, blue, orange and pink, Ionita's revised map uses shades of brown, yellow, blue and black so that people who are colorblind or visually impaired can more easily distinguish between the colors. "Maps are meant to guide you, not confuse you," Ionita said. "I wanted to create something that would make people smile and ease their everyday lives. I am grateful I was given the opportunity to express my ideas and make Mizzou a better place for everyone."

MU Libraries Integral to Research on Kafka

Assisted by the MU Libraries, humanities researcher Carsten Strathausen is constructing a comprehensive visual database encompassing all adaptations of Franz Kafka's "The Trial." This resource aims to serve scholars and students for years to come. Research Librarian Anne Barker consulted with Carsten on the project by identifying and acquiring materials, suggesting strategies for gathering data, and pointing him to other library staff who could assist. Seth Huber, head of cataloging acquisitions and collection development, searched for and downloaded the catalog records of versions and translations of "The Trial." In addition, Steven Pryor, director of digital initiatives, developed a Python web-crawler to gather metadata on these resources and played a key role in organizing the dataset. He also helped to create an Excel sheet containing vital information to track advancements, which will be useful to continue these research endeavors. The Interlibrary Loan team played a crucial role in acquiring numerous adaptations of "The Trial" from around the globe, including artworks, films, graphic novels and more.

Library Usage

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E-Resources & Website Use

- . Website Visits: 1,752,552
- . Webpage Views: 2,640,124
- . Database Searches: 1,844,174
- . Discover@MU Searches
(main search box): 517,430
- . MOspace Downloads: 1,763,870
- . LibGuide Views: 1,701,754

LibGuides (Top 10 Guides by Use)

- . Prices and Wages by Decade: 869,076
- . Folktale and Folk Motif Indexes: 84,216
- . Resources for Medical Students: 31,316
- . EndNote for Windows: 19,132
- . Evidence-Based Nursing Practice: 17,242
- . Journalism - Strategic Communication: 17,168
- . Data Sets for Qualitative Research: 13,886
- . Measuring Research Impact and Quality: 11,250
- . Journalism - A Guide to Resources: 10,786
- . Negro, Black and African-American Census Reports: 9,934

Digital Media and Innovation Lab Usage

- . 303 requests made
- . 540 students served



Library Usage

E-Learning Modules & Student Use

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- Plagiarism: 3,446
- Special Collections Handling: 902
- Scavenger Hunt: 556
- Research vs Practitioner Articles Quiz: 27

Instruction

- Participants: 8,575
- Classes: 376

Reference Questions

- In-person: 2211
- Phone: 438
- Virtual (email/text/chat): 5175

Other Questions

- In-person: 21878
- Phone: 787
- Virtual (email/text/chat): 1041

Research Consultations

- 638

Interlibrary Loan and Delivery Services

- Total Items Borrowed: 16,090
MOBIUS Items
Borrowed: 2,144
- Total Items Loaned: 17,286
MOBIUS Lending:
6,520
- Total Campus Document Delivery:
4,174
Scan and Deliver: 1,750

Total Circulation

- 29,367

Special Collections Materials Usage

- Book Usage: 3,193
- Research Help: 277

Special Collections Instruction

- Sessions: 121
- Participants: 3,039

Archives Material Usage

- Requests: 433
- Collections Used: 1,092
- Research Appointments: 128
- Duplications for Patrons: 1,006

Archives Instruction

- Tours/Classes/Presentations: 15
- Participants: 213

Archives Requests for Publication

- Requests: 13
- Digitized Objects Provided: 39



Presentations & Publications

Jara Anderson, Gabe Harman and Taira Meadowcroft

- Presentation: “Reel-ing in Engagement: How Academic Library Social Media Can Be Fun”
St. Louis Regional Library Network Tech Expo, March 6, 2024

Megan Ballengee and Taira Meadowcroft

- Presentation: “Building Bridges: Effective Internal Advocacy and Marketing in Libraries”
Missouri Association of College and Research Librarians, May 16, 2024

Marie Concannon

- Presentation: “Paying for Health Expenses: Prescription for Healthy Finances”
University of Missouri System Staff Development Week, May 21, 2024
Co-presenters: Andrea Boyack and Andrew Zumwalt
- Presentation: “Digital Depository: FDL Operation Insight”
Spring 2024 FDL Virtual Conference, May 2, 2024
Co-presenters: Elisabeth Garner, Sarah Hendy-Jackson and Kelly Smith

Rebecca Graves

- Poster: “Examining the Scope and Effectiveness of Autism-Specific Oral Health Education for Dental Providers: A Systematic Review”
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 12, 2023
Co-authors: Kelechi Adejo, Adaobi Anakwe, Nancy Cheak-Zamora and Megan Sabo
- Paper: “Transitioning to Fatherhood: An Equity-Focused Systematic Review of Black Men’s Experiences and Health Outcomes”
PROSPERO, Nov. 13, 2023
Co-authors: Adaobi Anakwe, Nancy Cheak-Zamora and Kasim Ortiz,
- Paper: “Best Practices and Strategies for Management of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes”
PROSPERO, Dec. 13, 2023
Co-authors: Steven Miller, Lori Popejoy, Amy Vogelsmeier and Karry Weston

Seth Huber

- Paper: “From Sierra to FOLIO: Cataloging Perspectives on Migration and Post-implementation Impact”
TCB: Technical Services in Religion & Theology, October, 2023

Navadeep Khanal and Jeannette Pierce

- Presentation: “Leveraging Campus Referral Platforms in the Libraries”
Leading, Partnering, Connecting: Amigos Member Conference, May 15, 2023



Presentations & Publications

Navadeep Khanal and Joey Sabo

- Presentation: “Digital Media and Innovation Lab: A Must-Have for Academic Libraries”
23rd Annual Brick & Click Academic Library Conference, Nov. 3, 2023

Taira Meadowcroft and Chris Pryor

- Presentation: “Preparing for Library Renovation Closure: Using Crisis Communication as Inspiration to Communicate with Stakeholders”
Library Marketing and Communications Conference, November, 2023

Kimberly Moeller

- Presentation: “The Current State of Libraries and Advocacy in Missouri”
Missouri Library Association Annual Conference, October 6, 2023
- Presentation: “MLA and Missouri Public Libraries”
Missouri Public Library Directors Conference, December 7, 2023
- Presentation: “AI, ChatGPT and Public Libraries”
Missouri Public Library Directors Conference, December 7, 2023
Co-presenter: Cindy Dudenhoffer
- Presentation: One Click Politics and Advocacy in Missouri
American Library Association Chapter Advocacy Workshop, December 9, 2023
- Presentation: “MLA and Missouri Libraries”
Missouri Public Library Directors Conference, June 6, 2024
- Paper: “Does Duration of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for Adolescents (dbt-a) Skills Groups Affect Outcomes: A Rapid Review”
Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, 2024
Co-authors: Mackenzie Dallenbach and Ashley Givens
- Paper: “The Role of Family Relationships on Adolescent Development and Adjustment During the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Systemic Review”
Journal of Research on Adolescence, 2024
Co-authors: Nicole Campion-Barr, Jeff Cookston, Lixian Cui, Carmen Kealy and Ann Skinner

Jeannette Pierce

- Presentation: “What’s It Like to Serve on an IFLA Section Committee”
American Library Association Annual Conference, June 30, 2024
Co-presenters: Margaret Mering, Honor Moody, Lisa Romero and Amanda Ros
- Presentation: “Open Educational Resources: Empowering Missouri Librarians for a More Affordable and Inclusive Learning Experience”
Missouri Library Association Annual Conference, October 5, 2023
Co-presenters: Scott Curtis, Tracy Stout and Christina Virden
- Presentation: “Update on the Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey”
American Library Association Annual Conference, June 30, 2024
Co-presenters: Sian Brannon and Elizabeth A. Brown

A Message from the Vice Provost

+ + On behalf of the University of Missouri, we sincerely thank the following donors for supporting the West Stacks Renovation Project. The generosity of our donors brings us closer to creating a modern, environmentally controlled space that will protect Mizzou's invaluable collections for future generations.

+ + This transformative project enhances access to rare and unique materials, fostering scholarship and innovation. Thanks to our dedicated donors, we've made significant progress, but there's still work ahead. Your continued partnership is key to realizing our full vision.

Your commitment to Mizzou Libraries reflects a deep dedication to education, knowledge and the power of philanthropy. Together, we can preserve history, inspire discovery and create lasting impact.

M-I-Z,

Kara Whatley

Vice Provost for Libraries/University Librarian

Thank You

Our deepest gratitude to each of the 170 donors who have contributed to this renovation effort. Gifts have ranged from \$5 to \$107,000! Special thanks to the following, who have contributed \$1,000 or more.

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West Stacks Renovation Project

+ + Just like the Smithsonian or the Library of Congress, Mizzou Libraries house materials that can be found nowhere else in the world. Our University Archives and Special Collections fuel student and faculty research, enrich classroom experiences for more than 2,200 Mizzou students each year, and preserve the history of our university for the next era of Tigers.

As the official depository for the records of the University of Missouri and the UM System, University Archives safeguards the stories that define our institution. Beyond administrative records, we also care for private papers, organizational records, and manuscripts that capture the rich history of our university community.

Special Collections provides access to rare, fragile and culturally significant materials that span disciplines from the sciences to the humanities. These collections influence discovery, offering students, faculty and researchers a window into the past that informs the future.

One example of the extraordinary scholarship these resources support is Dr. Noah Heringman's work on *Vetusta Monumenta*. Dr. Heringman, the Catherine Paine Middlebush Professor of English at MU, studies the relationship between literature and intellectual history in the 18th and 19th centuries.



To make a gift, scan here.

With the help of Mizzou Libraries' Special Collections staff and resources, his editorial team secured a three-year National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Scholarly Editions and Translations grant to complete their digital edition of *Vetusta Monumenta*. Originally published by the Society of Antiquaries of London between 1718 and 1906, this monumental work was made fully accessible thanks to the library's Indus 9000 book scanner and the expertise of our team. The project published the remaining 144 plates from volumes 1-3, each with full scholarly commentary.

Now, we are preparing for the next chapter in preserving Mizzou's historical treasures by renovating the West Stacks of Ellis Library to create an environmentally controlled space worthy of the rare materials we steward. This project will enhance environmental controls, lighting and security - ensuring that the unique artifacts housed in our University Archives and Special Collections are protected for the enduring future.

We were working to raise \$1.5 million, which would unlock an additional \$500,000 in matching funds from an NEH grant. In April 2025, we received notice the grant had been canceled. While this was disappointing, we plan to continue the project. To fully realize this vision, we need donor support now more than ever.

Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to creating a space that will preserve and share Mizzou's history for years to come. Together, we can protect the past and touch the future. Join us in this vital effort - because history matters, and so does your support.



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