

MU Libraries' Proposal for Student Investment in the Libraries

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 and new construction to Ellis Library and Branch Libraries, including expanding the Bookmark Café, adding 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 Library staff with technical expertise that support the broad range of student academic pursuits at MU.

- **24/7 Library Operations** with restricted access during extended hours – MU ID required
- Instructional and research support services and 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 an expanded 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.

Academic Year	Per credit hour	Cost per semester (12 credit hours)	Estimated New Funding
2016-2017	5.00	60.00	4,330,000
2017-2018	7.00	84.00	6,062,000
2018-2019	9.00	108.00	7,794,000
2019-2020	11.00	132.00	9,526,000
2020-2021	13.00	156.00	11,258,000
2021-2022	15.00	180.00	12,990,000

The future of the University of Missouri is in the hands of its student body. MO Senate Bill 389 caps increases in tuition and fees at the consumer price index (CPI). The result has been relatively flat funding for the University of Missouri, and specifically the MU Libraries. Mizzou students can, through a referendum, choose to increase and direct self-imposed fees. The increasing cost of Library collections and services greatly exceeds CPI. Without the funds from this fee, the MU Libraries may have cuts to the collections, hours, and services provided.

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

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