Impact of Private Support

- Even though the Libraries are open, in some cases, 24 hours a day, students still request expanded hours for locations that are not open continually. Gifts allow the Libraries to make these extended hours possible.

- To ensure students have access to up-to-date technology, the Libraries upgrade one third of their computers annually. Private support helps fund these enhancements.

- The Libraries provide books and other materials in all subject areas. Private contributions enhance the Libraries’ collections, providing rich resources for student and faculty scholarship across all disciplines.

- Nearly all Florida State students use the Libraries—93 percent of students visited Strozier alone in a single semester. In fact, library patronage has increased by 70 percent in two years. Private gifts are used throughout the year to ensure that all students are well-served.

- Gifts directed to special collections and archives help provide rare books and materials for specialized research.
The University Libraries’ mission is to advance academic excellence and success for FSU and the broader scholarly community through intellectual discovery and dynamic engagement.

The Libraries’ collections contain more than three million volumes, including 549,000 e-books; 78,000 journal subscriptions; and more than 600 electronic databases.

Research librarians provide assistance in person, over the phone, via email and through live Internet chat sessions. Subject specialists offer assistance customized to each major.

The University Libraries offer tutoring and other academic services, including The Learning District, the in-house peer tutoring program.

The Special Collections and Archives Division provides original manuscripts, rare books and University archives. The division’s strengths include Napoleon and the French Revolution, poetry, political papers, Florida history, Southern business history and FSU history.

FSU also has libraries at the Panama City campus and study centers in London, Florence, Panama, Valencia and at The Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Fla.

Each year, more than 1.5 million students, faculty, staff and friends visit the Libraries’ study and research facilities.

The University Libraries belong to the prestigious Association of Research Libraries, comprised of the top 125 research libraries in the United States and Canada.

Students, staff and faculty can borrow technology—including laptops, phones and other equipment such as chargers and cameras—from the library.