Introduction

UMKC students have consistently requested additional library services including longer hours, updated technology, better collections, and improved spaces at all library locations. A library fee is proposed to pay for these needed services.

The library fee will be charged for all degree-seeking students. The fee will be applied to improvements that contribute to the success of all UMKC students (undergraduate, graduate, professional), who use any campus library in person or online, no matter their personal socioeconomic status or access to technology.

Based on extensive information gathering and research over many years, UMKC students and the UMKC Libraries indicated that the most needed improvements should include:

* Longer hours at Miller Nichols Library and Health Sciences Library
* 24/7 online chat help for all students
* Renovations at all library locations for safe late night study space
* Making textbooks free or more affordable
* More subscription resources including e-books, scholarly journals, streaming film and media
* Building updates for more power outlets, more individual and group study rooms, new furniture, and better facility maintenance
* More iPads and wifi hotspots, updated computers, printers, scanners
* Specialized technologies like GIS, media production, 3-D printing, and data visualization

Question

Do you support UMKC improving its libraries with a new $3 per credit hour (capped at 12 hours per semester) fee implemented in fall 2019, increasing every two years to $5, then $7, and concluding at $10 in fall 2025?

Fall 2019 – Summer 2021: $3 per credit hour (up to 12 hours)

Fall 2021 – Summer 2023: $5 per credit hour (up to 12 hours)

Fall 2023 – Summer 2025: $7 per credit hour (up to 12 hours)

Fall 2025 – ongoing: $10 per credit hour (up to 12 hours)