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## **Fund Descriptions:**

**Libraries' Endowment Fund (AB0237):** Even with careful forecasting, needs and opportunities arise outside of the regular budget planning cycle. This general fund provides the Director of Libraries with the financial flexibility to sustain the MSU Libraries' excellent services and resources.

**21st Century Library Instruction (AB0274):** Information literacy has become an essential skill for academic and professional success in the 21st century. Your gift supports a strong library instruction program, which requires innovative technology, effective learning spaces, and expert staff.

Adopt-a-Book / Endowment Fund for Preservation (AB0220): Decades of wear and tear leave their mark on the historic volumes of the MSU Libraries. Expert conservation staff, with the resources of the Florence G. Wallace Conservation Laboratory, ensure that our print collections remain available for use by current and future generations of students, faculty members and researchers. Your gift will be recognized with a bookplate placed in the volume you adopt.

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**Fine Arts Collection (AB0278):** The Fine Arts Library houses the collections for art and music. Your gift will help acquire new works and online resources, enhancing the education of students in fields like studio art and art history, music and the performing arts, teacher education, and art and music therapy.

**<u>Library Buildings Fund (AB0277):</u>** With an average of 8,000 visitors a day, ever-growing collections and rapidly changing technology, the Main Library and external branches need diligent attention to remain effective, attractive learning environments. Your gift will help improve and expand our facilities.

**Library Collections (AB0272):** Your gift to Library Collections will allow the MSU Libraries to respond quickly to new situations such as by providing materials on an emerging hot topic or enhancing access with new technology.

<u>Map Library Collection (AB0279):</u> The Map Library is a critical resource for researchers investigating environmental, social and political issues. Your gift will help the Map Library acquire antique and rare maps in its primary collection areas or purchase maps and atlases that serve scholarly research interests relating to the mission of the MSU Libraries.

**Special Collections Endowment (AB0219):** The opportunity to work with primary sources is critical for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as researchers. Special Collections offers a rich array of literary, historic and cultural documents and many rare items.

**Turfgrass Information Center (AB0233):** The Turfgrass Information Center contains the most extensive public collection of turfgrass education materials in the world. Scientists, landscape architects and managers of green spaces depend on the Turfgrass Information File, a database of bibliographic and descriptive records of all types of work related to turfgrass culture.

<u>Veterinary Medicine Historical Collection (AB0275):</u> Veterinary medicine has a long history, stretching from early agricultural societies to the present day. The Veterinary Medicine Historical Collection includes some of the earliest surviving Latin manuscripts and the first illustrated veterinary manuals.

**<u>Vincent Voice Library (AB02081)</u>**: History speaks in the Vincent Voice Library, where students have access to 40,000 historic and current recordings from around the world. Your gift will support the ongoing digitization of recordings, making them available for listening through the MSU Libraries' online catalog.