

Mansfield Library Level 5 Renovation

Total Cost: \$9 million in LRBP CD Fund with a \$9 million match from UM

This project will renovate level 5 of the Mansfield Library for life and safety concerns, as well as transform the space into a student success space designed for Active Learning. Upgrades would include an elevator replacement, new fire alarms, upgraded HVAC system, interior finishes, new windows, entrance door replacement, migrate collections from floor into compact shelving on level 1, replace flooring, upgrade lighting, upgrade electrical, and improve internet connectivity.

Estimated total square footage: 220,075 square feet.

Why this project is critical: Levels 1, 3, and 4 have been upgraded and remodeled over the years, leaving level 5 as one of the last remaining unrenovated floor of the building that was constructed in 1973. The Center for Student Success will implement a series of best practices to the space to allow for my dynamic learning and career readiness mentoring. The space will transition into a multi-purpose area with centralized access to technology, connectivity, and digital collections for students to engage in group learning. These updates will improve student retention and graduation rates.

Academic library faculty, staff, and student employees are well positioned to help students interpret and navigate university processes and connect them to resources they need to become better learners and complete assignments successfully, and build foundational competencies in digital and information literacy.

When finished, the space will be designed to be dynamic, flexible, and technologically advanced, while fostering a collaborative and interactive learning environment. Something that the Mansfield Library – Montana’s largest library – cannot currently offer Montana students.

Skin in the game: UM has spent nearly \$1 million to date renovating Level 4 of the Mansfield Library. The University will match the state’s investment at 100%.

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