



Dear Fine Arts Supporter:

I write today to seek your support for the University's Fine Arts Library. A dramatic renovation of an already impressive space will be completed shortly. The Fine Arts Library promises to be a vibrant student learning space with enhanced areas for research and new technology.

The Fine Arts Library's collection of art, music, theater and dance materials primarily sustain the research and instruction of students and faculty of the College of Fine Arts. But those materials are also available to the rest of the campus population and the local and national communities of lovers of the fine arts. For many students the Library has lifelong relevance as they continue to have their information needs met by the staff and collections.

Numbers tell part of the story: over 250,000 visits a year, over 230,000 items used or checked-out a year and holdings of 300,000 books and scores, 900 serial subscriptions and more than 40,000 compact discs. The Library has a major special collection, the Historical Music Recordings Collection, which, with about 200,000 items, is one of the largest of its kind at an academic institution.

In an effort to reach a wider public and enhance public support for the arts we request your support. Enclosed is a "Friends of the Fine Arts Library" brochure explaining the various levels of membership and the opportunities and benefits associated with each. Funding from our inaugural "Friends" drive is crucial to boost the Fine Arts Library's collections, public outreach and educational programs.

Please consider becoming a "Friend" of the Fine Arts Library and, by being an integral part of the University's most lively library, assist us in attaining the goal of being the best Library of its kind in the country.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Heath

Vice Provost and Director