Statement of Support
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The MinnState system has a tradition of understanding and classifying librarian positions as part of the academic structure. Librarians reinforce key skills for students such as information literacy, research skills, and critical thinking. As such, librarian positions at the MinnState Universities have historically been classified in the Inter Faculty Organization (IFO).

Many studies have echoed the important role librarians play as part of the academic institution. Librarians’ academic work is linked to increased student success and learning, strengthened general education outcomes, student retention and degree completion. Librarians also work as partners for collaboration across campus, providing expertise that is crucial for the research work of other faculty members.

For these reasons and more, the IFO supports keeping librarian positions classified in the IFO and ensuring that librarians have access to necessary resources. Well-resourced libraries and well-qualified librarians truly enrich all of our campuses.