

University Library and Learning Resources Center

Vision Statement

The University Library and Learning Resources Center, serving as the premier information resource for Alabama State University's academic community, is networking with the *global library initiative* that centers on information access. This library is committed to providing the technological and teaching infrastructure necessary for information retrieval, dissemination, and resource sharing among libraries.

The University Library and Learning Resources Center supports the mission of Alabama State University with these four areas of commitment: learning opportunities, resources, services, and facilities. In each area, the Library sees its role as a leader in utilizing the information technologies currently available and in seeing that future technologies can be easily incorporated into library operations in order to thoroughly serve users.

Learning Opportunities

Seeing the Library as a dynamic learning environment, the Library will:

- Provide patrons a systematic program of instruction in accessing information in traditional print, nonprint, electronic, and digital formats.
- Publicize its programs of instruction and new learning resources.
- Use available technology to enhance and provide instruction to the library community.
- Provide community-outreach programs that illustrate and promote cultural awareness.

Resources

Endeavoring to provide quality instructional and research support to meet the information needs of the library community, the Library will:

- Identify, select, and acquire materials in a variety of formats.
- Provide a quality core collection that is responsive to the instructional and research needs of the library community.
- Embrace the changing needs of the university community through continuous evaluation of resources in anticipation of the information needs of users.
- Participate in resource sharing among libraries.
- Conserve the collection through preservation and digitization techniques for the benefit of scholarship and research.
- Comply with federal copyright laws and license agreements and inform users of intellectual property issues.
- Improve and expand end-user access to information in all forms by employing innovative technology.

Facilities

Observing the need for a functional and welcoming environment that promotes information access, learning opportunities, and services supportive of the academic exchange of information, the Library will:

- Maintain technological infrastructure to support dynamic access of information.
- Provide a classroom environment dedicated to systematic instruction.
- Provide a study environment that meets the challenges of all academic needs.
- Maintain a physical environment that meets the needs of the library community.

Services

Recognizing the growing relationship between traditional library services, new information technologies, and the need to enhance all facets of information access for its users, the Library will:

- Improve services and access through the application of advances in information technologies.
- Provide professional development and cross-training of staff to better serve users as demanded by a changing information environment and the convergence of technical and public services.
- Recognize the special requirements of serving a diverse population and continue to treat all users with respect, fairness, and sensitivity.
- Acknowledge the evolving service needs of users as indicated by evaluative measures and commit to staffing service areas with the necessary trained service staff to meet those needs.