

# University of Memphis University Libraries Strategic Plan



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The University Libraries (UL) serves the university community through its McWherter Library facility and three branches, Health Sciences, Music, and Lambuth Campus Libraries, staffed by nearly 80 full time faculty and staff. Our facilities welcome more than 425,000 visitors annually, while the web site is visited more than two million times yearly.

Our extensive online resources afford our many off-campus students and instructors the opportunity to retrieve remotely millions of articles, ebooks, and related data relevant to research and study inquiries.

If you are online, we are never closed.

To support the learning, teaching and research needs of the students, faculty, and staff we provide learner-centered instruction and training, services, collaboration, technology, and research resources. Teaching faculty and their students benefit from the instructional design and development leadership of Academic Learning Support (UM3D) grounded in the learning management system and the highest professional standards. This unit within the University Libraries provides the channel for resource integration in the teaching and learning environments.

## **MISSION**

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Provide information resources and support that fosters student success and pillars research and scholarship for an increasingly dynamic society.

## **VISION**

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To anchor comprehensive and innovative research and scholarship as the University of Memphis aspires towards greater national recognition as a public research institution.

## **PRINCIPLES**

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Foster and develop partnerships to increase access to resources and services for the University of Memphis community and beyond.

Support lifelong learning, innovation, and student success.

Usher excellence in user experiences that result in academic success.

Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Adhere to the core values of librarianship observed by the American Library Association, the Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Society of American Archivists.

Communicate clearly and efficiently available library resources and services.

Create knowledge through discovery.