University Library Strategic Plan, 2011–2016

Iowa State University Library
Mission
Iowa State University Library is integral to the campus mission to create, share and apply knowledge to make Iowa and the world a better place.

Vision
The University Library provides and promotes discovery tools, trusted informational resources, and information literacy skills as a vital campus partner in ensuring that the university will lead the world in advancing the land-grant ideals of putting science, technology and human creativity to work. In doing so, the Library equips faculty, staff and students to create, share and apply knowledge in addressing the challenges of the 21st century.

I. University Priority: Learning and Teaching

Library Strategic Initiatives

All Iowa State students, regardless of their learning location, will:

1. Achieve a grounded understanding of information literacy concepts and skills through the library’s interactive learning programs that support their life-long needs to identify, synthesize, and ethically use trusted information as they collectively work to make the world a better place.

2. Successfully connect with information, resources and services they need through intuitive, mobile, technologically rich discovery and learning tools.

3. Enjoy productive gatherings or solitary work in a technologically advanced, safe and trusted library environment that serves as their intellectual, cultural and social center for efficient academic work and personal success.

II. University Priority: Research

Library Strategic Initiatives

All researchers, regardless of location, will advance their work with:

1. Rapid and easy access to a broad array of the most current and historical full-text research materials through intuitive, mobile, technologically rich discovery tools.

2. Broad interdisciplinary and basic research collections (with growing focus on key strategic cross-disciplinary research) that will serve future generations of scholars through local and consortial repository agreements and partnerships in context of a nationally-respected preservation program.
3. A digital repository and publishing infrastructure that ensures global awareness and access to Iowa State research, provides creative solutions for open access mandates from granting agencies, and offers an effective publishing tool for campus journal editors and campus publications.

4. An array of research support tools that provide and promote individual and institutional awareness of research success and creative impact.

III. University Priority: Outreach and Extension

Library Strategic Initiatives

Iowa and global community members will:

1. Discover and use high-impact Iowa State research through the Internet via the e-Library’s digital repository.
2. Benefit from library partnerships that build shared print and electronic repositories that ensure open access to the national research journal collection and support collective efficiencies as to physical space and collection management.
3. Discover and access unique and nationally important research materials held and preserved by the ISU Library.
4. Enjoy welcoming access to a research library environment that may serve as an intellectual and cultural center for their efficient research and personal success.

IV. University Priority: Community of Faculty and Staff

Library Strategic Initiatives

The university community of faculty and staff will:

1. Be assured that the library’s broad research collections, mobile discovery tools, innovative programs and services impress prospective candidates in their recruitment, and support retention of an outstanding faculty and staff.
2. Enjoy productive gatherings or solitary work in a technologically advanced and safe library environment that serves as their intellectual, cultural and social center for efficient academic work and personal success.
3. Benefit from strong and innovative external library partnerships, including the Ames Public Library, the Regents Libraries, and the State Library of Iowa, as we collectively offer an extensive range of library resources and services that ensures vibrant community success and impact.