



Global Reach

Increase the University's global impact by ensuring that the output of Pitt researchers is made visible to a global readership, by supporting Pitt's international research and learning programs, and by fostering worldwide sharing of knowledge.

Propel the research output of the University to greater discovery on a global stage through innovative publishing services, visible and interoperable online repositories, and continuously evolving services to support digital scholarship.

Select, organize, and ensure access to knowledge resources that support the university's research, teaching and learning programs in a rapidly changing global environment.

Champion open access to scientific research and the open sharing of knowledge in all forms through advocacy for change in the worldwide system of scholarly communication and through local practice to support Pitt researchers in sharing their output.

Partner with global communities of scholars to foster collaboration, speed the dissemination of research, support scholarly social networks, exchange resources, and improve research communication across all boundaries for the advancement of knowledge worldwide.



Top Value

Sustain our organizational commitment to efficiency and effectiveness through careful planning, assessing, and partnering. Demonstrate the value and expertise we add to the teaching and research endeavors of the University, and seek opportunities and resources to support our existing momentum.

Innovate through an organizational culture that emphasizes continuous learning for our staff and utilizes evidence-based decision-making to leverage the value of space, facilities, and infrastructure.

Assess to discover, support, and align our operational and strategic priorities with those of the University as well as to help us demonstrate the value of our services to all our stakeholders.

Communicate strategically to sustain and strengthen relationships with individuals and campus departments and units to both inform and be informed.



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University Library System
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LONG RANGE PLAN

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Mission Statement

“The University Library System advances the University’s strategic priorities by direct engagement in the enterprise of knowledge creation, teaching, and learning on our campuses and beyond. Through our deep expertise, rich information resources, inviting facilities, and innovative services, we catalyze partnerships and inspire intellectual discovery, critical thinking, creative expression, the free flow of ideas, and the worldwide progress of knowledge.”



Excellence in Education

Consistently deliver resources, services and facilities to enhance learning and growth in academic programs and to support excellence and innovation in teaching and instruction.

Equip students with the skills needed to be successful scholars and informed citizens in a complex and information-rich world through our extensive teaching activities and the delivery of relevant scholarly content in a timely manner.

Collaborate as a leader and essential partner with faculty, instructors, and other professionals in the development and delivery of instructional services that integrate technology, research, open educational resources, and 21st century information skills within University curricula.

Empower students and faculty to succeed with individual and collaborative work by developing our physical space to create an inviting environment that fosters the synchronicity of technology and learning.

Participate in the intellectual life of the University through our expert liaison librarians who empower learners, enhance scholarly productivity, and engage across the lifecycles of research, teaching and learning.



Pioneering Research

Enrich the University’s research enterprise by providing resources, services, training, and expertise throughout the research lifecycle to support scholars as they discover, gather, create and share innovation and new knowledge.

Accelerate discovery by providing timely access to information resources required by researchers, delivering content in digital form wherever possible. Integrate search tools to help scholars discover relevant information, explore the funding landscape, and connect with collaborators.

Facilitate the gathering and organization of personal collections of information resources and develop tools for sophisticated text and data mining.

Advance the creation of new knowledge by providing innovative digital scholarship services and by helping researchers manage, analyze and re-use data.

Encourage the sharing of research outputs and apply expertise to meet the expectations of funders, disciplines, and the University, particularly with respect to open access and data management requirements. Develop new services to showcase the impact and output of the University’s research activities.



Community Strength

Advocate and exemplify the principles of diversity and inclusion, broad access to information, the free flow of ideas, and an informed citizenry by being a locus of shared, openly accessible and trusted content about our city and the Pittsburgh region, enabling self-education and the pursuit of cultural, professional, economic and personal interests.

Build collaborative local and regional partnerships to optimize the vitality and economic strength of our home communities by stewarding regionally relevant content; by fostering the skills needed to find, evaluate and use information; and by supporting entrepreneurship in our city and region.

Nurture an engaged, knowledgeable and diverse citizenry in the Pittsburgh region through open, community-centered platforms that promote recognition, sharing and use of valuable resources that document our community’s intellectual and cultural landscape, past and present.