

# Institutional Transformation

Strategies for the  
University of Texas Libraries

Mission and Goals 2008-2011



◆ Refocus library instruction programming and resources on integrating research and critical inquiry outcomes into the revised curriculum.

◆ Partner with Undergraduate Studies to implement sustainable methods for supporting signature courses and seminars within the new core.

◆ Partner with Google, Texas institutions, and international research initiatives.

◆ Make more than one million books from University collections available over the Web through projects such as the Google collaboration comprised of the world's preeminent research libraries.

◆ Establish a UT Austin institutional repository within the framework of the Texas Digital Library.

◆ Preserve web-only publishing output in areas of collection strength through the Archive-It project.

## ***Build Library Spaces Responsive to the Social Dimensions of Learning and Research***

◆ Maintain on-campus facilities that are up-to-date and responsive to student learning behaviors.

◆ Construct cost-effective high density storage facilities in order to retain critical materials on campus and place needed but lesser used scholarly materials in high-density storage, allowing re-allocation of existing campus space.

◆ Recognize major gift opportunities through the capital campaign and potential naming of key spaces such as PCL, Life Sciences, Architecture, and Fine Arts libraries.

## ***Invest in the Requisite Talent and Expertise Needed for a Preeminent Research Library***

◆ Develop a staff with strong management skills, who are aware of trends in the information technologies, and who have the ability to provide leadership in the new information environment.

◆ Develop and recruit a staff with the bibliographic and technical skills and knowledge required in a complex research library.

◆ Foster a staff committed to providing the highest quality services.



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# Mission



“The University of Texas Libraries collects, organizes, preserves, and provides access to recorded knowledge and human creativity in support of the teaching and research mission of the University.”



## Vision

The University of Texas Libraries is the preeminent public university library in the country, and provides:

- ⊕ campus information resources (the raw materials of University research and learning) that sustain the intellectual environment required to be a preeminent research institution;
- ⊕ an evolving technology environment with effective tools and services for the discovery and delivery of information to campus scholars and the citizenry alike;
- ⊕ an inviting and comfortable space for individual or group study and learning, equipped with appropriate infrastructure;
- ⊕ the University community with skills to master information strategies appropriate to the classroom, laboratory, and lifelong learning;
- ⊕ staff expertise that strengthens state and national collaborations focused on improving the preservation and dissemination of scholarship and creative works; and
- ⊕ a talented and diverse staff that fully embraces University values.

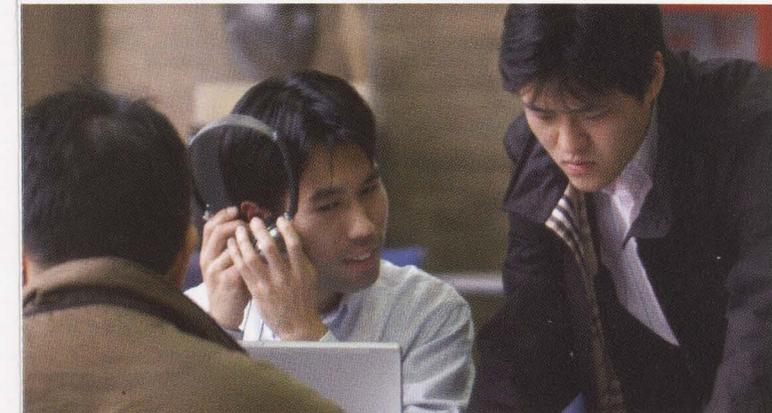


## Goals

### **Create Collections that Foster Campus Research and Learning**

Build on generations of investments in campus information resources to:

- ⊕ Enable recruitment of the best scholars and serve the interests of researchers throughout the world.
- ⊕ Support new intellectual endeavors and degree programs (such as health sciences and nanotechnology).
- ⊕ Expand partnerships with other UT System institutions.
- ⊕ Build the deep, rich collections that advance their instructional and research missions through programs such as the Academic Library Collections Enhancement Program and the UT System Digital Library.



### **Transform the Tools of Scholarly Research**

- ⊕ Improve discovery of scholarly information.
- ⊕ Leverage existing technologies and expertise, such as Google Scholar and Blackboard.
- ⊕ Utilize new tools and digital formats, including Web 2.0 technologies.
- ⊕ Meet changing user behaviors and capture efficiencies through rethinking work processes.
- ⊕ Embrace new publishing trends, including electronic books and journals, as well as emerging business models, including pay-per-view and micropayments.
- ⊕ Integrate support for research skills and critical thinking into the new core curriculum.