

# Strategic Goals for the Division of Learning Resources

## Mission:

The mission of the Division of Learning Resources is to provide materials and services that effectively enable individuals in the PSU academic community to attain their learning, teaching, research, and service goals. The mission is accomplished through the creation and maintenance of collections, provision of facilities and equipment to enhance learning through various formats, provision of skilled staff, and acquisition of budgets. A further mission is to be a source of specialized and/or scholarly information of particular interest to area residents and others researching local history.

## Functional areas:

Axe Library provides –

1. traditional print and electronic information materials to the academic community;
2. organizational structure for the collections;
3. instruction in information competencies;
4. assistance to users in finding needed informational resources; and
5. support to other users in a wide geographical area.

Instructional Media provides –

1. access to media in various formats;
2. satellite and local cable access to television;
3. support for distance learning;
4. design and production of video resources; and
5. support for administrative media needs.

## Vision

To provide increased services that a) will gain access to an ever wider variety of information resources supporting the academic mission of the University and b) increase the information competencies of the students, faculty, and staff necessary for functioning in an information rich era.

## Strategic Goal 1 : Augment teaching and research collections

Objective 1: Increase the number of current and relevant print resources for all academic programs.

Strategy 1: Seek increased funding for collection development; currently, PSU is below all of its peers in funds for acquisitions.

Strategy 2: Coordinate with each academic unit to determine needs in book and journal collections.

Strategy 3: Implement three-year plan to improve current collections for each academic unit.

Strategy 4: Implement streamlined methods of collection development for print materials.

Objective 2: Evaluate and purchase subscriptions to electronic collections that will enhance existing print resources.

Strategy 1: Plan with academic departments on meeting e-journal needs.

Strategy 2: Contract with full-text journal vendors for permanent access to electronic journals.

Strategy 3: Continue consortial cooperation with Regents universities, BCR, the Kansas State Library and other sources.

Objective 3: Develop collections of non-traditional, tangible materials that augment teaching and research.

Strategy 1: Plan with academic departments to assess needs for video, audio, and software collections.

Strategy 2: Seek justification and funding resources for non-traditional formats without impacting existing collection formats.

**Strategic Goal 2:** Develop strategies to help with information competencies.

Objective 1: Create improved methods for access to electronic information.

Strategy 1: Implement full web-based on-line catalog (OPAC) product.

Strategy 2: Link electronic documents, after evaluation, through the OPAC.

Strategy 3: Implement on-line, mediated help with library resources.

Objective 2: Develop curriculum that will provide students with information competencies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Strategy 1: Identify information competency skills needed by students in various academic disciplines.

Strategy 2: Create instructional programs utilizing the computer classroom and other resources to enhance teaching of information competency skills.

Strategy 3: Develop methods for instruction of students utilizing web-based instruction.

Strategy 4: Develop “teach the teachers” program to assure awareness and curricular content concentrating on information competencies.

**Strategic Goal 3:** Improve infrastructure for housing information collections and programs.

Objective 1: Assure that adequate and appropriate space is available for collections.

Strategy 1: Identify projected need for space for library collections for next thirty years.

Strategy 2: Plan for additional space for collections in conjunction with existing facilities.

Objective 2: Assure that adequate and appropriate space is available for information services.

Strategy 1: Identify current and foreseeable needs for information services.

Strategy 2: Design optimal space allocations for electronic and other information services.

**Strategic Goal 4:** Increase infrastructure for information technologies in the classroom.

Objective 1: Assure that all classrooms have a minimum capacity for use of various teaching strategies.

Strategy 1: Develop integrated strategies with OIS and Colleges for improving classroom infrastructure.

Strategy 2: Seek funding to provide shared and fixed classroom capabilities.

Objective 2: Plan for needs for delivering instruction and research capabilities to off-campus locations

Strategy 1: Identify and assess emerging technologies for distance learning

Strategy 2: Provide resources for adequate distance learning and shared research.

Strategy 3: Conduct workshops for faculty on new technologies in conjunction with Colleges.

**Strategic Goal 5:** Provide the training and assistance to allow PSU faculty students to make full use of the latest teaching technologies.

Objective 1: Assure that all faculty and students have training opportunities for instructional technologies.

Strategy 1: Develop expanded training sessions and implement a program of peer-based training in cooperation with faculty currently using modern teaching technologies.  
Strategy 2: Provide immediate and relevant individual assistance.

Objective 2: Assist faculty in preparing and delivering classes to off-campus sites through the uses of the Internet and controlled video resources.

Strategy 1: Provide training in course preparation through peer-based assistance.

Strategy 2: Assist in preparation of materials.

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