A DYNAMIC NEXUS FOSTERING INNOVATION



Vision

Northwestern University Libraries provide information resources and services of the highest quality to sustain and enhance the University's teaching and research. We are a dynamic nexus fostering innovation in learning, research, scholarship, and creativity. This strategic vision is built upon three key priorities.

Transform Digital Research

We aim to revolutionize digital research methods by leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning to empower scholars to delve deeper into unique primary sources. This includes establishing a program for digital scholarship and expanding support for computational research.

Initiatives

Serve as catalyst for new research methods, leveraging a human-centered approach to artificial intelligence and machine learning, for scholars to analyze and interpret unique primary sources.

Establish a central campus program for digital scholarship focusing on innovative uses of artificial intelligence and machine learning in interdisciplinary research.

Expand instruction and curricular support for computational and dataintensive research and learning across all disciplines.

Advance Access to Resources

We commit to advancing access to scholarly resources by efficiently managing research data, contributing to the Big Ten Academic Alliance BIG Collection, promoting open educational resources, and integrating unique collections with academic programs.

Initiatives

Support Northwestern's research enterprise with infrastructure, policies, and procedures to manage research data, in partnership with Office of Research and Northwestern IT.

Contribute significantly and actively to the realization of the Big Ten Academic Alliance BIG Collection, a shared collection of more than 114 million volumes held across all Big Ten institutions.

Lead campus-wide efforts to promote the creation and adoption of Open Educational Resources and improve affordability of academic resources for Northwestern students.

Build meaningful integration between Northwestern's unique collections and academic programs.

Enhance Library Experiences

We seek to enhance library experiences by optimizing facilities, increasing spaces for intellectual engagement, and adapting services to align with the evolving needs of the University.

Initiatives

Improve the Northwestern experience by optimizing campus library facilities.

Support the University's future needs by completing a long-term master space plan in partnership with the Office of the Provost and Facilities Management.

Increase campus intellectual engagement spaces by renovating part of Deering Library.

Improve student-centric experiences for collaboration, quiet study, and emerging technology exploration.

Maximize the impact of librarians and information professionals in reenvisioned library services and roles that align with University priorities and meet emerging academic needs.

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