

University of New Hampshire Library

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

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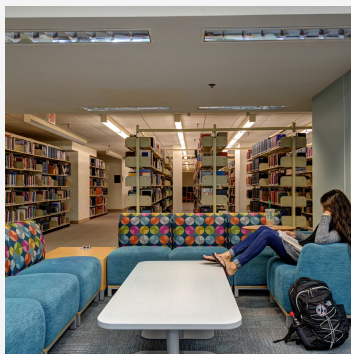
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MISSION

The UNH Library supports the University's charter as New Hampshire's land, sea, and space grant institution, embraces the University's liberal arts tradition, and connects all, while embodying the values of the campus community. As the intellectual common ground, we offer services in information and data literacy, discovery of and access to information resources and knowledge, and vibrant community spaces to support the public good.

VISION

As a trusted academic and community partner for the University and beyond, the UNH Library is recognized as an inclusive, dynamic center for developing independent learners and fostering world-class scholarship in an evolving environment of services, technologies, and critical information literacies.



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Learn more about our plan:
library.unh.edu/about-us/strategic-plan

Priorities & Aspirations

Partner for student success & well-being

The UNH Library will partner with faculty, as well as academic, campus, and community groups to prepare students to be informed and ethical users and creators of information. The Library will actively support historically underserved populations to provide all students with an equal opportunity to succeed.

Enhance the library user experience

The UNH Library will take a user-centered approach to improving spaces, resources, expertise, and technology. The Library will use ongoing assessment to make incremental and user-informed changes. The Library will provide a hospitable and inspiring learning environment in support of UNH's vision for a welcoming and inclusive campus community.

Embrace UNH's research & service missions

The UNH Library will be a collaborative contributor to UNH's research and service initiatives. As a publisher and preserver of the University's scholarly output, the Library will have a robust physical and digital archive and a comprehensive institutional repository. The Library will curate its collections and will be an active participant in cooperative associations to support the information needs of its diverse communities.


Grow as a flexible, creative & inclusive organization



The UNH Library will be an agile, responsive, and service-focused organization. The Library recognizes that its people are its strongest asset and will provide ongoing investment in each team member's knowledge and skills. The Library will provide a work environment that encourages each individual to contribute to their full potential.



Cultivate sustainable practices


The UNH Library, as a responsible steward of its resources, will define core services and make them as efficient, effective, and responsive as possible. The Library will embrace an imaginative approach to building capacity for the future while advocating for greater institutional investment. Environmentally sustainable practices will be infused throughout library spaces and operations.

Initiatives



Cultivate a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment 



Promote inclusion of information literacy and related literacies into university curricula  


Hone instruction and other efforts to provide impactful learning experiences  


Maximize discovery of and access to information resources 


Continuously improve the Library's physical spaces to balance varied and changing user needs  


Increase investment in the Library's virtual presence and technical infrastructure  



Raise awareness of library services, resources, and expertise  

Reconceptualize and implement a highly effective liaison program 

Share expertise around data management, preservation, and scholarly publishing with a wider audience 



Provide leadership for preservation of and access to digital collections reflecting New Hampshire's history and cultural heritage 


Recruit and retain a diverse and innovative library workforce 



Deepen expertise in areas of strength to engage with the campus and to act as regional and national library leaders  


Evolve the Library's organizational structure to maximize teamwork, agency, and accountability

Build a practice of documenting, assessing, and communicating the Library's contributions to the University

Increase awareness at UNH about shifts in scholarly communication, including the evolving publishing landscape, open access, and freedom of information  

Address inadequacies in providing safe and secure housing for collections 

Manage physical collections relative to space and user needs while contributing to national preservation and retention efforts  

Build a stronger financial foundation by pursuing additional sources of funding 

UNH Strategic Priorities

unh.edu/main/future-of-unh



Enhance student success and well-being



Expand academic excellence



Embrace New Hampshire



Build financial strength