



Cornell University Library: Goals 2007-2010

A top ten academic research library, Cornell University Library advances the university's mission of teaching, research, and outreach. Through its 20 unit libraries, 7.8 million volumes, extensive special collections and electronic resources, and a staff of 464 FTE, the Library serves both Cornellians and a worldwide scholarly community. The Library's mission in the next decade is to lead the collaborative development of an academic information infrastructure that enhances and meets the changing needs of preservation, discovery, transmission, and the application of knowledge, creativity, and critical thought.

Goal One: Expedite access to scholarly resources at the point and place of need.

- Unify access to library content across all Cornell campuses.
- Build local collections to address new, evolving, or inadequately supported areas of research and teaching.
- Acquire special collections that will support a world-class faculty, engage graduate and undergraduate students in primary research, and distinguish Cornell from its peers.
- Expand online access to scholarly resources through digitization and licensing arrangements.
- Simplify resource discovery and access to materials, regardless of location or ownership.

Goal Two: Provide cutting-edge facilities and services to support research, teaching, learning, and scholarly communication across disciplines.

- Renovate physical facilities, beginning with Olin Library, to support the evolving needs of current and future learners and researchers.
- Provide the technology infrastructure, user services, and spaces for study, collaboration, teaching, and experimentation in all library buildings.
- Conduct ongoing assessment to ensure services and facilities anticipate and match evolving academic expectations and needs.

Goal Three: Ensure stewardship of the University's intellectual assets.

- Develop and maintain repositories that facilitate and support e-research and learning, including data collection, management, and reuse through partnerships with faculty, CIT, the Center for Advanced Computing, and others.
- Build on the success of the research networking resource Vivo+ to connect faculty, students, and staff across the University and beyond.
- Exercise preservation responsibility over print and digital content with enduring value.
- Develop innovative solutions to long-term management of permanent University records created and/or maintained in electronic form.

Goal Four: Contribute to research, scholarship, and teaching.

- Expand and enhance research collaborations with faculty and other researchers.
- Advance scholarship in the field of knowledge asset management, focusing on strengths in digitization, preservation, metadata, intellectual property issues, usability, and e-curation.
- Partner with other campus units to enhance teaching and integrate information competency into the curriculum.

Goal Five: Become an employer of choice while fulfilling library users' needs.

- Provide staff with opportunities for continual learning to ensure a relevant, diverse, engaged, and sustained workforce.
- Support a quality work environment where staff are respected and supported.
- Engage staff in setting the direction for library services based on continual user assessment.
- Enhance existing skills base and diversity through strategic recruitment.

Goal Six: Meet the Library's campaign goals in support of program enhancements, student worker positions, library collections, and key staff endowments.

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