



Vision

Academic and research librarians and libraries are essential to a thriving global community of learners and scholars.

Vivid Description of a Desired Future

Academic and research librarians and their colleagues lead initiatives and continually evolve services that provide scholars and learners the unfettered ability to create, access, and use knowledge on a global scale. Librarians drive and enable transformation of libraries, student learning, and scholarly research by building powerful coalitions and collaborations, setting standards, exploring innovative methods and approaches, modeling behavior, and embedding their results in dynamic user environments. To champion transformative change and advance library causes, ACRL uses its considerable advocacy and leadership capabilities to develop and deliver responsive programs that build the skills and capacities of its members. By promulgating a compelling case for their value, ACRL elevates the position, recognition, and impact of all academic and research libraries and librarians as catalysts in exceptional research and learning.

Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

1. Leverage existing research that will articulate and promote the value of academic and research libraries.
2. Increase research that demonstrates the value of academic and research libraries.
3. Increase ~~the visibility of~~ libraries in national conversations and activities focused on the value of higher education.
4. Develop and deliver responsive professional development programs that build the skills and capacity for leadership and local data-informed and evidence-based advocacy.

Student Learning

Goal: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

1. Identify innovative practices in learning environments and instruction that enable academic librarians to transform learning.
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