

# ACRL Plan for Excellence

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ACRL is dedicated to creating diverse and inclusive communities in the Association and in academic and research libraries. This core commitment permeates the work of the Association, cutting across all ACRL sections, committees, interest and discussion groups, and communities of practice. The Association will acknowledge and address historical racial inequities; challenge oppressive systems within academic libraries; value different ways of knowing; and identify and work to eliminate barriers to equitable services, spaces, resources, and scholarship.

## Long-term Envisioned Future

### Vision

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

### Vivid Description of a Desired Future

ACRL elevates the position, recognition, and impact of all academic and research libraries and librarians as catalysts in exceptional research and learning. Academic libraries play a critical role in building diverse, welcoming, and equitable communities; developing inclusive organizations, spaces and services; guarding against policies and practices that intentionally or unintentionally create racial inequalities; embodying diversity in the profession; and creating conditions so that all users are respected and supported in their intellectual dialogues and pursuits. Librarians and their colleagues design services that provide scholars and learners the unfettered ability to create, access, evaluate, and use knowledge. College and university students are information literate, informed scholars and citizens who value the opinions, perspectives, and experiences of others. Facile use of information sources and discovery techniques enables them to succeed in their coursework and future careers preparing them to lead new national and global initiatives. Partnering with academic librarians to collect and organize research data, faculty break new ground in their respective fields. Academic libraries, constantly transforming to meet the evolving needs of their campuses, are central to educational and research efforts.

## Five-Year Goals and Objectives

### Value of Academic Libraries

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

### **Objectives:**

## **Student Learning**

Goal: Advance equitable and inclusive pedagogical practices and environments for libraries to support student learning.

### **Objectives:**

1. Empower libraries to build sustainable, equitable, inclusive, and responsive information literacy programs.
2. Collaborate with internal and external partners to expand understanding of the impact of information literacy on student learning.

## **Research and Scholarly Environment**

1. Enhance members' capacity to acknowledge, interrogate, and dismantle white supremacist structures and other systems of oppression.
2. Provide professional development and resources to attract, hire, support, retain, and promote workers from marginalized communities, which helps build inclusive working environments that center trust and belonging.
3. Build relationships and coalitions to cultivate "collective ownership, accountability, and responsibility" (Cultural Proficiencies for Racial Equity: A Framework, 2022).