

POLK LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2019

MISSION

Polk Library provides the UW Oshkosh community with high quality research collections to promote academic excellence in teaching, learning and professional activities. Dedicated staff provide innovative approaches to the selection, accessibility and preservation of materials to support faculty, staff and student success. Librarians instruct students in the critical evaluation and ethical use of information resources. Polk Library provides a welcoming and safe environment that offers a variety of spaces for quiet concentration and collaborative work. The Library partners with other libraries, both in Wisconsin and beyond, to provide users with the resources they need. As a service to advance the region and beyond, the library offers a variety of services to all researchers regardless of University affiliation.

VISION

Polk Library will collect, preserve and provide access to quality collections to support a research-enhanced comprehensive university. We will be the campus leader in information literacy instruction for on-campus and online learners. We will innovate through a focus on assessment of space, services, and collections in order to better serve our user communities as an essential part of campus. Through policies and institutional culture, we will foster a supportive environment that promotes workplace joy and work-life balance.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

A Build a collection that supports a research-enhanced university

Goal 1: Funding to implement a research collection, based on need

Goal 2: Collection management process and implementation for preserving and promoting research

Goal 3: Test & learn and build a discipline for how best to partner on grants and emerging programs

B Create library spaces that enhance student success

Goal 1: Research options to optimize library spaces

Goal 2: Plan for expansion of university archives and Area Research Center (ARC)

Goal 3: Investigate feasibility of relocating related student services into the library

C Transform library support services for students and faculty in their research and learning, and prepare students for their careers

Goal 1: Explore unmet service needs of faculty

Goal 2: Understand unmet service needs of students

Goal 3: Use assessment to improve teaching and learning of information literacy to promote the library's role in student academic success

D Provide inclusive and supportive institutional environments for students (on campus and online learners), staff and faculty

Goal 1: Promote workplace joy and work life balance for our staff

Goal 2: Ensure and promote an inclusive environment for library users

Goal 3: Encourage student exploration in library careers