Vision

Uniquely positioned at the intersection of information, technology and innovation, we engage with local and global partners to foster student centered-learning and to support internationally recognized research.

Mission

With our local focus and global reach, we are the forum for the free exchange of ideas and the platform for knowledge creation and transference.

Values

Openness - to ideas, innovation, and diverse perspectives
Commitment - to service and leadership,
Respect - for cultural diversity and professional expertise
Excellence - in our work

Goal 1. To Be Actively Engaged with the FIU Community and our Local and Global Partners

Continuing our tradition of collaboration, we are expanding our network of partners to further develop the expertise and resources needed to build the new information environment. The cross-disciplinary tools of this new environment will transform the manner in which the university creates, disseminates, and preserves its intellectual assets.

1.A Enhance and expand access to unique collections of local and global interest, such as the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) and the Everglades Digital Library.

1.B Expand access to commercially-licensed resources to the local and global FIU community, locally and globally, at point of need.

1.C Provide a forum for events and lectures focusing on local and global issues in partnership with campus and community organizations.

1.D Ensure optimal use of library programs and services through effective marketing and public relations.
1.E Provide leadership within state and regional library networks to transform the collaborative environment of library services and resources.

Goal 2. To be Dedicated Partners in Teaching and Learning

We will strengthen programs to build student critical thinking and research skills and to enable lifelong learning. We will design technology-rich learning environments that facilitate student learning and collaboration.

2.A. Develop a comprehensive “metaliteracy” program that re-envisions the current instruction program to help students master information tools and skills.

2.B. Sponsor collaborative programs with the faculty to create additional opportunities for students to engage with the library and to promote co-curricular opportunities to celebrate and advance student learning.

2.C. Develop and implement plans to better align library space and facilities with student learning needs and study habits.

2.D. Provide access to technologies that enhance the learning experience and facilitate student mastery of knowledge creation and dissemination, in collaboration with campus partners.

2.E. Collaborate with academic departments and the Office of Academic Planning & Accountability to define, measure and strengthen library contributions to student learning outcomes and retention.

Goal 3. To be Intentional Collaborators in Global Research Efforts

With the expansion of FIU’s research enterprise, we will collaborate with faculty and researchers to transform the information services and technologies that fuel scholarly inquiry.

3.A. Engage the FIU community in expanding the digital research environment using the institutional repository and digital library infrastructure to reframe the production cycle for creation, dissemination, and discovery of research.

3.B. Develop new tools to foster innovative, collaborative approaches to the synthesis and interpretation of information and data resources.
Goal 4. To be Implementers of Tools and Technologies that Power Information Discovery, Knowledge Creation and Innovation

In a rapidly changing and expanding information environment we will provide a technological infrastructure to harness exponential growth of information and facilitate its delivery. We will implement the tools, systems, and software needed to support new modes of learning and scholarship.

4.A. Implement user interface technologies to improve discovery, access and visualization of library and Internet-based resources.

4.B. Implement Web services/technologies that support and enhance user interaction and engagement with collections and resources.

4.C. Support a strong computing infrastructure with tools and the capacity for data-intensive research, storage, sharing and visualization.

4.D. Explore technologies to ensure continuing access to media collections in legacy and emerging formats.

4.E. Migrate library metadata in legacy systems to prepare for the implementation of next-generation systems currently under development.