



The University of Western States Library serves all students, faculty and staff, through the acquisition, organization, management and preservation of library materials, as well as providing access to the materials of other libraries. In addition, the library provides guidance and instruction in the use of these materials whether in print, electronic or other formats. The library is directed in this process by the following objectives:

1. Supply sources of information in specialized fields of knowledge in support of the curriculum and research in all colleges, departments, and programs within the university.
2. Encourage and develop information literacy skills.
3. Supply the intellectual needs of the entire campus community through the purchase of curriculum-driven resources representing inclusive and diverse viewpoints, perspectives, and voices.
4. Identify, develop, coordinate, implement, and assess these resources and services across multiple formats (physical, digital, audio/visual) to provide enhanced access for library users regardless of physical location.
5. Maintain a robust interlibrary loan (ILL) program and reciprocal lending programs with appropriate consortia libraries and other lending institutions.
6. Local library practices and procedures are dynamic and responsive to changes in information discovery and delivery and are managed under the auspices of the university librarian and informed by the standards and protocols established by the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

**Related Policy:**

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