

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
LIBRARY DIRECTORS' COUNCIL**

Vision/Goals Statement

Library Vision

UMS libraries will effectively use digital technology to promote information literacy, and extend and enhance the teaching and learning process. This will be accomplished through innovative collaboration, bringing together seamlessly new combinations of resources, services and delivery systems. At the same time, the UMS libraries will be integrated components of the campus and System information infrastructure providing efficient, effective, and appropriate services to students and faculty.

Library Mission

The mission of the UMS libraries is to provide education, resources, and services that support higher education in Maine.

Key Goal: Create an information literate Maine

Stakeholders:

- **Students and graduates of the University of Maine System**
- **Academic units and their faculty members Systemwide**
- **The citizens of Maine**

Strategies:

1. Expand Effective Partnerships

- Formalize the partnership between the Maine State Library and the University of Maine System to share joint responsibility for the operation of Maine Info Net and the creation of its new governing board. Market the benefits of Maine Info Net for legislative funding.
- Partner with faculty members to develop information strategies appropriate to the teaching and research needs of the University System.
- Work with the UMS chief academic officers to develop delivery of information literacy as part of the general education learning outcomes expected of all UMS undergraduate students
- Partner with the Maine State Library, the Maine Library Association and the Maine Association of School Libraries to develop and implement information literacy programs for all Mainers

- Proactively pursue with academic and support units, faculty, community groups, and K-12 educators the development and expansion of digital networked information projects.
 - Collaborate with new partners – museums and other cultural agencies - on projects that create collections and services such as Maine Music Box, Windows on Maine, Maine Public Library of Geographic Information, etc.
- 2. Expand and Enable the Existing Infrastructure**
- Work with UMS IT operations to facilitate communication and cost-effective purchasing.
 - Maximize network technology to deliver, expand, and make accessible library collections and services.
 - Transform campus libraries as a place into centers for facilitated learning and collaboration among faculty, students and staff:
 - Redesign collaborative learning areas—classrooms, study areas, multimedia centers.
 - House teaching and learning units for campuses.
 - Advance the understanding that librarians are highly trained and valued partners in the education of UMS students.
 - Provide a UMS-level off-site storage facility, which would also act as a document delivery center.
 - Produce and market services, programs, and projects for students and communities.
 - Commit to staff development Systemwide
- 3. Create innovative information environments that integrate print, data, and multimedia collections with the oversight of user oriented services**
- Redefine collections and services and access to them for the digital era, and further integrate the library into the learning process.
 - Create a core collection of journals in electronic formats for the University of Maine System with licensure agreements that address archival concerns.
 - Develop a process to phase out hard copy journal collections on campuses where complete online documents exist.
 - Support alternative publishing options that facilitate a change in the exchange of scholarly information.