



Lower Columbia College Library Service Mission Statement

The mission of the Lower Columbia Library Services is to maintain a physical and virtual teaching and learning environment that promotes academic inquiry, supports instruction and scholarship, and fosters lifelong intellectual growth and discovery by providing all members of the LCC community with access to needed information resources, research assistance, and guidance in developing skills for locating, evaluating, and using information to solve problems and fully participate in the global community.

Vision

Our vision is to be an empowering information hub where users have access to cutting edge academic support services in a single location.

Library Services will fulfill this mission by meeting the following outcomes.

- Employing professionally-qualified faculty librarians and library paraprofessionals who are active educators.
- Providing maximum access to information resources and services that support and augment the classroom experience and that foster academic excellence through the freedom of inquiry.
- Encouraging and facilitating intellectual independence and lifelong learning through instructional programs and services that emphasize information literacy and complement classroom instruction.
- Providing distinctive programs and services designed to meet the intellectual and cultural needs of an information-based society.
- Providing an atmosphere and environment that supports the use of information in learning and study.
- Utilizing available and emerging technologies that support and enhance instruction and information retrieval.

To carry out its mission, Library Services has set the following goals:

1. To support information needs of the College by selecting, acquiring, organizing, producing, preserving and circulating a collection of materials in a variety of formats, as well as equipment necessary for their use.
2. To interpret the collection to all users, to assist them in the utilization of the library as well as the electronically available databases, to provide referral to additional information sources and to supply individualized assistance in using instructional materials.
3. To provide comprehensive information literacy instruction that is integrated with the curriculum, enabling all users to locate, evaluate, organize, and utilize information.



4. To improve services through regular evaluation of the collection, programs, and facilities in light of applicable standards.
5. To provide comfortable, barrier-free facilities that afford maximum access to resources, and to encourage their use in an atmosphere conducive to academic study.
6. To support the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association and other principles and ideals of intellectual freedom.
7. To encourage excellence and innovation in library staff through personal and professional growth opportunities.
8. To develop and maintain a multi-media services program that enhances the instructional effectiveness of the faculty through the use of materials and technology.
9. To assist in the development of local and inter-institutional information networks.
10. To develop library services that are consistent with College program objectives by maintaining close and purposeful working relationships with all constituencies.
11. To stimulate intellectual activity and cultural awareness through programming, outreach, and displays.
12. To share resources, services, and ideas with all areas of the College, as well as with professional, public, and private organizations and institutions in the community.
13. To provide leadership in the use and services of multi-media services.
14. To enhance the quality and reputation of the College through library teaching, resources, services, and community relations.
15. To maintain effective administrative planning and operation, in accordance with established principles of library management and with College policy.