



Strategic Directions

Libraries transform lives. Great libraries are essential to supporting the mission of great universities. The San José State University Vision 2010 identifies academic excellence in a welcoming inclusive environment and service as a crucial resource for Silicon Valley as essential for the University. Therefore, in support of this vision, the University Library is a gateway to information resources, scholarship and our diverse intellectual and cultural heritage. In creating this access, we enrich student learning, support faculty research and scholarship and contribute to the life long learning for all of the community.

- **Digital Library Initiative:**

Aggressively increase access, creation and use of digital collections, including unique special collections. Creatively utilize innovative technologies to provide the University and the broader community with a 21st century library environment, both physical and digital.

- **Knowledge Base:**

Build content, expand access and participate in consortial resource sharing to create access to collections in all formats which meet the learning, teaching and research needs of the students and faculty in the university's undergraduate, graduate and developing doctoral programs.

- **Inquiry Learning:**

Strengthen campus partnerships to seamlessly integrate information resources and information literacy into the curriculum, ensuring graduates are capable of life long learning. Expand the role of library faculty in the teaching/learning process.

- **Community Partnership:**

Build upon success of partnership with the San José Public Library, by engaging in joint planning, deeper collaboration, and stellar customer service to expand access to knowledge, create meaningful learning opportunities and foster life long learning for both the university and the broader community.

- **Organizational Capacity and Growth:**

Invest in learning and development of all library faculty and staff in order to create a nimble, responsive organization capable of continual improvement and change.

- **Development:**

Promote high visibility of the library, expand community partnerships, build communities of support, and establish strong financial foundation for future growth via grant development and philanthropic activity.

- **Evaluation:**

Plan for the evaluation of the library focusing on two aspects: 1) the effectiveness of the library's support of the University's Mission and Goals, and 2) the effectiveness of the Joint Library program. Use findings to make strategic decisions.