



Shaw Library & Digital Commons Strategy

Library Mission

The mission of the library is to provide a technologically advanced, student- centered academic and research support service. We intend to achieve this using the latest technological innovations, seamless service platforms which save time and effort for our users.

The library offers high technology facilities, relevant print and digital collections, and user-centered support services. We are committed to creating multiple virtual access points to support both students and faculty.

The Shaw library will focus on bringing in the skills necessary to support the various emerging academic literacies rather than staff the library in traditional library roles.

1. Library Goal One: Information literacy training

- 1.1 The library will provide timely, relevant Information Literacy training to students enabling them to become responsible and ethical consumers and creators of new knowledge.
- 1.2 In consultation with faculty, we will create opportunities for customized training to support teaching, learning and research.

2. Library Goal Two: Campus engagement & partnerships

- 2.1 We will collaborate with faculty and the various campus service providers to deliver great student experience through library events, programs & exhibitions.
- 2.2 We will engage with external partners to our events by inviting authors and speakers throughout the academic year calendar.

3. Library Goal Three: Relevant, accessible collections

- 3.1 Our print acquisition policies will consistently include the voices of the academy, through regular engagement on the annual book acquisition plan.

- 3.2 Every planned electronic acquisition is predicated on improved resource access. We will ensure that we subscribe to resources that promote access 24/7 and with no additional software requirements.

4. Library Goal Four: The management of institutional history & the AIU research repository

- 4.1 The library, as the custodian of the AIU history will ensure the identification, digitization, organization, and ongoing management of historical digital collections for the benefit of future generations.
- 4.2 We will adopt the best practice in the establishment and management of the university research repository, which is crucial for the AIU participating in global university rankings.

5. Library Goal Five: Data driven planning & decision making

- 5.1 Using survey research tools, the library will use data as evidence to support acquisition decisions and produce independently verifiable usage statistics of our academic support service.
- 5.2 While narrative is useful for context, we commit to finding ways to produce objectively verifiable evidence in the use of our spaces, collections, and services.

6. Library Goal Six: Technological innovation for improved services

- 6.1 We will explore the best practices in academic library services particularly in the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to extend both the reach and quality of user engagement across time and space.
- 6.2 We commit to further developing the library's technological infrastructure, digital spaces and staff expertise to continuously improve the library user experience.