As a key partner in teaching, learning, and research at UMass Amherst and beyond, the Libraries foster a diverse, inclusive, and user-centered environment in which to engage with ideas and acquire the skills necessary for independent learning and critical thinking.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-2021

Organizational Excellence
Promote and support a diverse, inclusive, and equitable organization
Foster, acknowledge, and reward innovation
Support continuing and professional education
Promote meaningful assessment for decision-making

BUILD
Diverse & Impactful Partnerships
• Engage our community with open inquiry, mutual respect, and inclusiveness
• Work with campus partners to advance teaching, learning, and research
• Cultivate external relationships to support strategic priorities
• Develop collaborative initiatives that advance diversity, inclusion, and freedom of expression

ENABLE
Student Success
• Create flexible and engaging spaces that inspire student learning
• Promote active learning, critical thinking, and digital literacy skills
• Provide student-centered research and learning experiences
• Support emerging pedagogies in the global digital environment

ADVANCE
Research & Scholarship
• Actively support all aspects of the research process
• Explore collection strategies that support open scholarship
• Invest in and support distinctive collections
• Support new modes of scholarly inquiry and communication
• Foster engagement around scholarly impact

We Value: Collaborations & Partnerships • Diversity & Inclusion • Innovation & Creativity
• Openness & Transparency • Sustainability & Stewardship