

Introduction

“Tufts is a student-centered research university dedicated to the creation and application of knowledge.”

–Tufts University Mission Statement, 2013

Tisch Library and its branches—the Lilly Music Library and the W. Van Alan Clark, Jr. Library at the SMFA—embrace Tufts University’s mission wholeheartedly. To meet the challenge of being both student-centered and research-focused, we remain committed to these priorities:

- Lead the university by integrating opportunities for the development of critical information skills across the student experience.
- Provide resources and guidance for learning and student scholarship.
- Collaborate with the other Tufts libraries to deliver resources and services to support the faculty’s research agenda.

The goals below provide a framework to more effectively integrate library support into the university’s pursuit of its mission. They respond to changed community needs and the changing landscape of knowledge and information. They will guide our choices about how we invest our time, energy, and money.

Goals

Enable Deeper Learning

Help students and faculty develop and hone information literacy skills to navigate the dynamic information landscape and contribute to knowledge in all its forms.

Redesign the instructional services model and partnerships to better integrate into the academic life of Arts, Sciences & Engineering (AS&E) students and faculty.

Restructure the model to provide individualized assistance in using library resources and services.

Increase support for graduate students.

Expand support for new and growing AS&E academic programs, particularly online and data-intensive offerings.

Facilitate Scholarship

Bring the world’s scholarship to Tufts and Tufts’ scholarship to the world.

Increase support for open scholarship and emerging modes of scholarship at Tufts.

Establish clear collections priorities that correspond with Tufts’ areas of focus in research and learning.

Build the capacity of our repository infrastructure to provide improved access to and long-term preservation of distinctive digital content.

Invest In People

Inspire all library staff—as stakeholders in our strategic plan—to learn, grow, and contribute to the success of our shared mission.

Invest in developing, recruiting, and retaining a diverse and culturally competent staff.

Build and sustain commitment to ongoing individual and team learning.

Shape organizational structure and culture to support changing university needs.

Create Inspiring Spaces

Provide welcoming, inspirational, accessible, flexible, and sustainable library spaces that promote learning and scholarship.

Redesign public and staff spaces across the three libraries to address student enrollment growth and changes in scholarship and learning.

The staff of Tisch Library and its branches values community, curiosity and learning, openness, and social justice. We continually engage with our community about their work, and our place in it. We are ready to ask ourselves hard questions, challenge assumptions, solve difficult problems, and expand our capacity to serve “creative scholars who generate bold ideas, innovate in the face of complex challenges, and distinguish themselves as active citizens of the world” (T10, Tufts Strategic Plan 2013-2023).