



AURARIA LIBRARY

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The Auraria Library will pursue the following aspirational goals over the next six years. As higher education continues to transform, these goals allow the Library to be agile in exploring our contributions to the strategic plans of the University of Colorado Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the Community College of Denver. As part of our core mission and within our available resources, the Library will continue to provide robust research collections, high-quality services and physical spaces, and support for the three institutions' basic research, instruction, and services programs.

1. Teaching and Learning Excellence

Contribute to educational excellence and student recruitment, retention, and success.

- a. Integrate resources, services, and research instruction strategies into the teaching and learning of students and faculty through an approach that anticipates and explores new pedagogies and educational trends.
- b. Multi-phased renovation of the facility with tri-institutional stakeholders in order to create welcoming, technology-rich spaces to facilitate collaborative, multidisciplinary learning.
- c. Enrich and streamline access to authoritative resources and collections by enhancing the resource lifecycle through curation, acquisition, metadata, discovery, and document delivery.
- d. Develop assessment instruments, metrics, and timelines aligned with the institutions' goals for student success and graduation.

2. Research and Creative Work Excellence

Enhance campus creative work and researcher productivity by providing seamless, on-demand access to the information resources and services necessary for that work.

- a. Create discoverability and efficient access to information that supports the needs of researchers, especially in areas of tri-institutional campus excellence, in the most cost-effective manner possible.
- b. Become an integral asset to the achievement of the institutions' research goals.
- c. Expand scholarly digitization projects to foster the creation and production of institutionally created content.

3. Community Engagement and Workforce Preparation

Support the institutions' missions to engage the community, contribute to the public good, and develop an informed workforce.

- a. Support initiatives that recruit and retain students, especially high-impact programs such as first generation and first year students, students of color, international students, alumni, returning veterans, and community pipelines.
- b. Promote life-long learning by providing open access to digital reproductions of unique library-curated collections including foundation and donor-funded projects such as the access to Rocky Mountain history resources from the Center for Colorado & the West.
- c. Support development of a competitive workforce through intentional pedagogy, resources, and services that enhance the ability of students to both effectively use and create information resulting in an informed citizenry.

4. Library Productivity and Synergy

Enrich organizational efficiencies and outcomes through collaboration and learning.

- a. Maximize internal and external partnerships to advance the Library mission and goals.
- b. Appreciate, recognize, and communicate about Library faculty and staff excellence, leadership roles, and areas of expertise.
- c. Assess the efficacy and relevancy of Library operations in light of changing tri-institutional needs including potential outcomes of transforming, reassigning, abandoning, or reorganizing work.
- d. Escalate non-state funded revenue goals (including fundraising and grant awards) to enhance the tri-institutional annual budget and state allocations.
- e. Increase faculty and staff productivity by providing meaningful work, shared leadership, professional development, enabling technology, and work processes that support individual and collective success.

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