

Library Services - Mission Statement

ACC Library Services is a collaborative system of information, reference, research, and instructional and technical support, whose mission is to support student success, classroom faculty, and teaching and learning. Library Services is committed to diversity, access, and assessment; and in this pursuit provides outstanding library employees, services, and resources to support ACC general education and workforce curriculum, traditional and non-traditional instruction, programs, and support services for our students and their diverse learning needs and learning levels. Library Services designs and delivers instruction to promote information literacy, critical thinking and lifelong learning to assist students in achieving their educational goals.

ACC Library Services supports the Austin Community College District mission and vision and the College's commitment to the central Texas community. The core values that guide Austin Community College District's internal and external interactions with each other and our community include:

- C** - Communication: ACC values open, responsible exchange of ideas.
- A** - Access: ACC values an open door to educational potential.
- R** - Responsiveness: ACC values targeted actions to address Service Area and internal needs within available resources.
- E** - Excellence: ACC values commitment to integrity and exemplary standards.
- S** - Stewardship: ACC values personal and professional ownership that generates accountability.

Library Services' faculty and staff support teaching and learning by providing technology for students, faculty and staff and by acquiring, organizing and making accessible virtual, digital and print fiction, non-fiction, reference, reserves, periodicals, and media resources, information, and research. Goals for Library Services include:

- Designs and maintains course-integrated research and information-seeking assignments to support ACC curriculum delivered in virtual, digital, and traditional classroom settings. Through these assignments designed in partnership with classroom faculty - ACC students acquire critical thinking and information literacy skills (the ability to identify, retrieve, evaluate, and use information that is appropriate to a need.)
- Provides services including the physical library as a facility designed to support diverse learning needs, teaching, services, and access to general education and workforce materials. Campus libraries provide environments with access to information resources (electronic, print, media), research and information services, information literacy instruction, and access to technology in support of college curriculum, information seeking and lifelong learning.
- Maintains a professional development and continuing education program to support Library Services faculty and staff.
- Identifies and maintains local, state and national partnerships with P-16, public library and higher education environments, collaborations and consortial memberships for the most effective use of ACC resources and services in support of ACC students, faculty and staff and the ACC community.
- Designs, implements and maintains ACC policies and procedures and maintains relevant standards and principles of accrediting agencies and professional associations.
- Develops and maintains consistent guidelines, and procedures for the provision and delivery of resources and services.
- Assesses design and delivery of library services to focus on student outcomes and student success.
- Maximizes visibility, awareness and use of ACC library programs, services and resources through the design and application of advertising and marketing techniques.