

VISION FOR THE YEAR 2001

Full Information Service:

Campus information seekers will start their research through web pages managed by the Library. These pages will point users to networked online resources, off-line resources held by UMBC, USM or regional Libraries, and UMBC Library information services.

Finding relevant resources will be easy and efficient; evaluating alternative sources of information will be partially automated.

Preparing Students for the Information Age:

The Library will provide instruction at all levels of information literacy, and participate in a campus program for teaching advanced information technology methods.

Library systems will be designed to require minimal technical knowledge, and the Library will inform users of updates and enhancements.

Technology Enhanced Learning Environment:

The Library will offer tools, services, and resources to facilitate asynchronous learning both within the Library building and physically distant from the Library.

Library users will increasingly need computer equipment, connectivity and software in the Library building, as they integrate their online and off-line work. Users will demand the functionality and services which will allow them to work at home, in the dorms, offices and labs on campus.

Library Information Management System:

A new LIMS will allow both staff and Library users to work with maximum efficiency while providing a greater range of options for meeting campus information needs. This system will change workloads, space utilization in the Library building, and priorities among the resources and services offered to users.

In the first years of the new system, staff time required to implement and test the system itself as well as to recast workflows are likely to absorb any staff time freed by system efficiency. Thereafter, the efficiency of the system will slow the rate of increase in needed Library staffing. Its open system architecture will allow the Library to absorb further progress in Library automation.

LIBRARY & GALLERY GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2001

Provide Full Information Service

Enlarge Offerings of Purchased Commercial Databases

Move article-length resources to online formats.

Note: If sufficient funding is available, provide 80% of UMBC's article-length resource needs online.

Ensure continuing access to online serials acquired, and to online archives.

Note: Join consortial online archives projects, as funding permits.

Enhance Web resources organization and access.

Note: Add online catalog entries for online full-text resources.

Organize and present UMBC-generated material.

Note: provide easy posting method for faculty; material should be accessible by UMBC and any consortia to which UMBC belongs.

Develop Traditional Library Collections

Create Center for History of Biology

Note: apply for grant funding for this.

Establish multi-year spending plan for Library materials/resources.

Note: First priority is to establish a reliable funding stream for online article length resources, with provision for growth beyond what is now funded.

Establish research collection acquisitions funding for Special Collections.

Establish Library General fund for materials not falling within departmental allocations.

Return monograph acquisitions rate to levels achieved in previous years. Need for such materials has increased.

Catalog materials: video, maps, Special Collections original cataloging (incl. Needle, manuscripts, archives, science fiction, etc.)

Encourage campus departments to forward their archival material to the campus archives.

Inventory Collections

Excerpt from 1995 ITT Research Committee Recommendations:

“Designate the library as the coordinator for networked information, both internal and external to UMBC. The library should facilitate coherent access to all types of documents, both physical and electronic. UMBC should develop a networked library of UMBC generated research results for universal access on the World Wide Web. (This represents a significant change in the role of the library and could potentially require a reorganization of UMBC academic support departments.)”

Approved by President’s Council, 12/95.

Promote Information Literacy

Plan & deliver information literacy to students, as part of IT literacy, in cooperation with faculty.

Enhance staff development through training and professional development opportunities, such as conferences and publication, to keep the workforce capable of meeting Library goals.

Excerpt from May 1998 “UMBC Report to the Governor’s Commission on Technology in Higher Education”:

“...the best way to meet the demand for IT workers is to provide basic IT training to all students and develop a technology minor focused on practical skills that students in other majors can take in conjunction with their major.” (p.8)

Develop Technology Enhanced Learning Environment

Create/develop services at a distance

e-reserves

Note: expect all article length reserves to be online.

interactive remote reference services

Note: Expect online, real-time reference services, including images transmitted to users' computer screens, during reference desk hours. During off-hours, expect <24 hour turn-around time.

online user-initiated article delivery for all UMBC users.

Note: for items not held by UMBC nor available online

Offer high end equipment access for Library users in Library building.

Digitize Special Collections and Slide Library holdings most needed for UMBC teaching and research.

Improve Assistive Technology for both staff and users; anticipate audio I/O.

Plan LIMS III

USM-wide, develop functional requirements for next generation Library Information Management System. Select vendor(s). Secure funding. Coordinate with other national, regional, state, and consortial efforts for Library automation.

Gallery

Develop Gallery Program.

Capital Projects / Infrastructure

Special Collections HVAC, Renovation, Fire Suppression System Retrofit.

Technical Services Renovation (per master plan)

Equipment renewal: establish three year equipment renewal cycle.

Streamline supply ordering.

Friends of the Library & Gallery Development

Develop volunteer opportunities

Develop internship programs

Develop programmatic traditions (e.g. annual dinner theater).

Enhance fundraising efforts.

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