

# ARL Revised Mission Statement

# Current Mission Statement

The Association of Research Libraries influences the changing environment of scholarly communication and the public policies that affect research libraries and the diverse communities they serve. ARL pursues this mission by advancing the goals of its member research libraries, providing leadership in public and information policy to the scholarly and higher education communities, fostering the exchange of ideas and expertise, facilitating the emergence of new roles for research libraries, and shaping a future environment that leverages its interests with those of allied organizations.

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Consider changing mission statement from its current language to be closer to the results of the ST&D purpose-type statement—*"ARL enables and catalyzes research libraries to leverage and mobilize individual assets toward the collective advancement of learning, research, and societal impact."*

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The Association of Research Libraries advances research, learning, and scholarly communication for the betterment of society. The Association pursues this mission by leading advocacy and public policy efforts that reflect the values of the scholarly and higher education communities, promoting equity and diversity, fostering the open exchange of ideas and expertise, forging partnerships among allied organizations, and catalyzing the collective efforts of research libraries to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to knowledge.

Thank you!