Action Plan 2019—2021

THREE ANCHORS

Vision

Our shared vision is that research libraries will be even more intimately involved in supporting the full life cycle and activity range of knowledge discovery, use, and preservation, as well as the curation and sharing of knowledge in diverse contexts of the university's mission and of society more broadly.

Mission

ARL achieves this vision through our mission to foster the open exchange of ideas and expertise, promote equity and diversity, and pursue advocacy and public policy efforts that reflect the values of the library, scholarly, and higher education communities. ARL forges partnerships and catalyzes the collective efforts of research libraries to enable knowledge creation and to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to information.

Guiding Principles

ARL adheres to its guiding principles in all it does.

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Our Focal Point

Research Libraries and Parent Organizations

Public Policy Makers

Research and Learning Communities

PRIORITIES

Advocate for public policies in support of our mission and shared objective

Catalyze collective efforts to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to information

Create diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible services, collections, and work environments

Provide data and analytics on research library practices, effectiveness, and impact

Shape and inform leadership practice throughout research libraries

Facilitate a culture of innovation within research libraries

SHARED OBJECTIVE

True to the ARL mission, and in pursuit of our vision, ARL will advance an equitable and enduring research information environment that meets scholars' needs now and in the future.

PRIORITY GOALS

Advocacy and Public Policy

ARL will work to ensure a policy and legal environment that supports and enhances accessible, sustainable, equitable, and barrier-free scholarship, with a focus on user privacy.

Scholars and Scholarship

ARL will partner with research and learning communities to substantially increase the amount of high-quality scholarship that is openly available.

ARL will support its membership and research and learning communities to advance "open science by design" within their own institutions.

ARL will provide leadership on high-impact collective collections initiatives.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

ARL will partner with research and learning communities to develop and sustain diverse and inclusive research library organizations.

Data and Analytics

Research libraries and research and learning communities will benefit from a data collection and analytics program focused on outcomes and impact.

ARL Academy

ARL will provide research library faculty and staff with resources to develop their competency and skills as partners in the research enterprise.

Innovation

Research libraries will build capacity to lead innovative organizations by learning innovative practices.

Research libraries will engage in an environment that promotes, develops, and shares a culture of innovation.

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES