

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

STRATEGIC PLAN, 2016-2019

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 1: Create spaces that foster learning, creativity, ground-breaking research, and student success

- A. Unify academic support units in one building
- B. Create a makerspace on the Lisle campus
- C. Enhance the technological infrastructure of our existing study spaces
- D. Expand special collections space to include adequate storage for current collections and expected growth of the collections, designated processing space, and a reading room with space for researchers and displays

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 2: Transform Library services to support the evolving needs of faculty and students throughout the lifecycle of scholarly communication

- A. Transform reference and instruction services to include versatile formats to best serve all populations
- B. Develop digital scholarship services
- C. Make the University Archives the first stop for students doing primary source research

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 3: Promote an active, visible, and vital presence in the academic life of the University

- A. Collaborate with academic support units
- B. Collaborate with student groups
- C. Develop orientation for new students
- D. Provide engaging programming
- E. Partner with Institutional Research to develop a comprehensive records management program and bring all departments/offices into compliance

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 4: Build and provide access to collections and services that support the mission of the University and all its units/programs

- A. Improve discoverability of resources
- B. Partner with related institutions, including St. Procopius Abbey, Sacred Heart Monastery, and Benet Academy to write finding aids for their hidden collections
- C. Build rich and diverse collections
- D. Take steps to better preserve archives and special collections materials

GUIDING PRINCIPLE 5: Cultivate a climate of assessment

- A. Define service standards
- B. Assess our impact by applying a user-centered, evidence-based approach
- C. Practice open communication
- D. Ensure that all staff has adequate training to be at the cutting edge of the field