

Bowdoin College Library
Strategic Priorities and Key Objectives | FY 2023

Engaging Our Community, Articulating Our Impact

- Strive for and promote inclusive excellence to support Bowdoin's diverse community.
- Seek opportunities to strengthen existing ties and develop new collaborations with college departments and programs.
- Increase engagement with donors and alumni.

Enhancing the Library's Support of Teaching, Learning, and Research

- Deepen our understanding and implementation of inclusive and equitable pedagogies.
- Partner with students as creators and active participants in the development of programs and services.
- Increase engagement with faculty around open scholarship.

Developing and Leveraging Collections

- Seek and embrace opportunities, partnerships, services, and tools that enhance the usefulness and relevance of the full range of new, emerging, and existing collections to the Bowdoin community.
- In collaboration with CBB and working strategically with vendors, seek to diversify the library's holdings, specifically in regard to historically excluded and marginalized voices and communities.
- Expand upon existing negotiating strategies to reduce costs for new and continuing resources.

Delivering and Preserving Content Most Effectively

- Consider collection space needs in all libraries and, leveraging the Annex, develop a long-term collection management strategy.
- Implement a new digital preservation system to ensure the long-term management and preservation of unique digital archival and library assets.
- Implement the ExLibris Alma LMS and migrate existing data and processes from Innovative/Sierra.
- With CBB colleagues, think creatively about our cataloging work and develop a process to modify and update our descriptive practices to use respectful and inclusive terminology.

Assessing Programs and Services

- Develop effective, sustainable assessment practices to support continuous service development and to inform planning.
- Review services and policies, focusing on the library's aim to ensure equitable and inclusive practices.
- Explore strategies for more robust collection and analysis of collections-related data to inform renewals decisions, weeding projects, and Annex moves.

Confronting the Challenges Presented by the Library's Facilities

- Advocate for a reimagined library building that will advance teaching, learning, and scholarship for the Bowdoin community, ensure the long-term stewardship of the library's collections, and support the work of its staff.
- Ensure that the library provides a welcoming, accessible, and effective learning environment for all members of the campus community.
- Continue to think creatively about the use of library spaces to support evolving trends in teaching, learning, and scholarship and to meet operational needs, while recognizing the limitations of incremental change in addressing long-standing challenges.