“Libraries of High Point University” Mission Statement
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The Libraries of High Point University serve an undergraduate, graduate and faculty clientele and are dedicated to the success of our students and faculty in their research and learning endeavors. We support this goal by providing the campus with a rich collection of unbiased noncommercial resources in formats suited to the research and study methods used by the patrons at the University. The Libraries of High Point University seek to provide a quiet, clean, safe and comfortable study environment that is suited to our patrons’ study habits and is available during hours that are convenient for our patrons.

To accomplish these goals, the library:

• Will hire sufficient numbers of librarians and other support staff to meet the needs of our patrons.
• Will purchase sufficient information resources in multiple formats to support the research and study needs of our student body. We will make these resources available in a timely manner.
• Will accept the concept that reading promotes lifelong learning, and support the non-academic reading habits of our students.
• Will accept the concept that creative works come in many formats, and support the non-academic viewing and listening habits of our students.
• Will acquire and provide access to necessary technology and presentation equipment so that students can complete assignments in a timely manner.
• Will endeavor to teach students how to use these resources by offering research sessions that are coupled to classes at the University as well as workshops offered throughout the semester.
• Will strive to educate information-literate lifelong learners. Information literacy enhances the pursuit of knowledge by preparing students to think critically about the information they use for their academic, professional, and personal lives.
• Will continually seek to measure the effectiveness of these services and will work to improve the quality and quantity of these resources and services as merited by the demands that are placed on the Library by the University as a whole.
• Will communicate these goals to the campus at large.

Smith Library
Smith Library serves as a study area and as a repository of faculty and staff selected resources. The building is open 24/7 to meet the study needs of our students, faculty and staff and provides our students with a safe and information rich environment in which to pursue research topics or to complete research studies pertinent to their discipline.

Smith Library provides professional services to the student, staff and faculty body. We achieve this goal by providing public reference services during the time that the library is open. Any student or campus community member can come to the library and receive research or project assistance. Students, faculty and staff can also contact us via phone, email, chat or social networking and have research questions answered in a timely fashion.
They can also set up an appointment to meet with a librarian. The library employs and trains caring, professional librarians and adult supervisors who are present when the facility is open.

**Smith Library Collection**

Smith Library houses the main monograph collection that includes current reading materials, texts that support subject oriented research, standard texts that should be found in any library collection and children’s literature. This library also does so without the limitations of format by investing in an evolving e-book, e-audio and e-video collection all of which can be accessed 24 hours a day by using our online catalog.

The collection includes:

- Periodicals, current newspapers and archival copies of periodicals in paper, film and online form which are purchased and maintained to meet the research needs and foster the intellectual growth of our patrons.
- Educational media that are selected by faculty and library staff to support the current curriculum of the institution.
- Current or popular literature and other media to satisfy the research and pleasure reading needs of our patrons.

**Wanek Center Learning Commons**

The Wanek Center Learning Commons is dedicated to providing the utmost in patron-oriented services for the students, faculty, and staff of High Point University. At the Wanek Center, we will provide a pleasant and quiet study environment for all students utilizing the facility. We will offer sessions to assist students with using the library’s many electronic resources. We will increase the students’ access to the library’s collection by maintaining a selection of scholarly and popular reading materials, as well as assisting students with requesting items from Smith Library. We will endeavor to help students at all times with research questions by being proactive in our approach while seeking out their information needs.

**School of Education Resource Center**

Staffed by a library staff member, the Resource (Curriculum Materials) Center is located in the School of Education and serves the needs of education students and the broader campus. Resources in this collection include a large juvenile book collection and a collection of state adopted textbooks. Teacher guides, reference materials, professional books, class kits and combined reading sets make up the remaining materials in this collection. This collection will be expanded in conjunction with recommendations of the education faculty.

**Qubein School of Communication**

The Qubein School of Communication collection is housed in the Qubein School of Communication. This autographed collection is made up of books on sales, self-help and other topics in the field of communication. Each of these volumes can be viewed and read while at the Qubein School of Communication Library.

**Bassett Furniture Library**

Bassett Furniture Library in Norton Hall is a collection of high quality resources in the area of interior design with particular emphasis on furniture styles and industry. This small, highly focused collection is referenced by furniture and design students as they do course work.