

Collections Assessment: Your Competitive Advantage (Handout 1)

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The Ohio State University's Strategic Plan: Excellence to Eminence

Vision: The Ohio State University will be the world's preeminent public comprehensive university, solving problems of world-wide significance.

Mission: We exist to advance the well-being of the people of Ohio and the global community through the creation and dissemination of knowledge.

Values	Dr. Gee's six guiding philosophies:
Commitment to Excellence	Putting students first with academic excellence and access
Collaboration as One University	Creating One University
Acting with Integrity	Enhancing faculty and staff talent and culture
Personal Accountability	
Diversity in People and Ideas	
Change and Innovation	Boosting our research prominence
Simplicity in our Supporting Processes	Operating with financial soundness and simplicity
Openness and Trust	Reaffirming our commitment to outreach and collaboration

Core Goals

- **Teaching and Learning:** to provide an unsurpassed, student-centered learning experience led by engaged, world-class faculty and enhanced by a globally diverse student body.
- **Research and Innovation:** to create distinctive and internationally recognized contributions to the advancement of fundamental knowledge and scholarship and to solutions of the world's most pressing problems.
- **Outreach and Engagement:** to establish mutually beneficial partnerships with the citizens and institutions of Ohio, the nation, and the world so that our communities are actively engaged in the exciting work of The Ohio State University.
- **Resource Stewardship:** to become the model for an affordable public university recognized for financial sustainability, unsurpassed management of human and physical resources, and operational efficiency and effectiveness.

Discovery Themes: Health and Wellness, Food Production and Security, and Energy and Environment.

The Ohio State University Libraries Strategic Themes:

Services: Develop and refine **user-centered** services which integrate libraries and library faculty and staff into **environments where users work and interact**.

Collections: Manage the evolution of the Libraries' information resources to **match the needs and behaviors of users**, and to reflect the **changing technologies** and practices in publishing, research, and teaching.

Intellectual Crossroads: Enhance the Libraries' place as a cultural, social and intellectual crossroads – a physical and **virtual** place for cultivating **intellectual inquiry** and the development of **critical thinking skills**, promoting academic **discourse**, and fostering **lifelong learning** and knowledge enhancement.

Innovative Leadership: Establish the Libraries as a national leader in the **integration of intellectual content** and services within the larger world of ideas and knowledge.

Infrastructure: Foster a supportive, respectful and diverse work environment that utilizes and develops the best talents of the Libraries' faculty and staff. Establish an organizational culture which embraces **innovation and change**, promotes continued improvement, and **judiciously allocates its resources to support the University's strategic needs**.