The library’s mission is integral to the university’s mission to serve the community, the nation, and the world by discovering, communicating, and preserving knowledge and understanding in a spirit of free inquiry, and by educating and preparing students to discharge the offices of life with usefulness and reputation. We do this through a partnership of students and teachers in a unified community known as a university-college.
The Library will strengthen the alignment of collections, resources, staff expertise, and programs with Brown’s strategic commitments under Building on Distinction to enhance excellence in research and education. The Library’s work will be essential to the success of the University’s strategic academic goals.

The Library will grow as a center for research and learning in which Brown faculty and students collaborate with specialist Library staff to advance knowledge. Both on-site and virtual access to the Library’s collections will make Brown a destination research and learning site for scholars.

The Library will be known as an innovative leader in its field, developing creative solutions for producing and delivering knowledge to the world. Within the University, the Library will provide leadership, expertise, and partnership on issues relating to the rapidly evolving information environment.

The Library will become a more effective organization through ensuring that all staff have the training, tools, and support they require to make outstanding contributions to Brown’s academic community. As a learning organization, the Library will strengthen departmental structures, create cross-departmental teams, and update technological capabilities to meet the operational requirements for achieving our strategic goals.

Community Engagement: The Library will dedicate resources and expertise to enhancing the cultural, academic, and economic vibrancy of Providence and Rhode Island. We will support engaged scholarship at Brown, engage with wider communities through Library programs and initiatives, and forge stronger professional connections with libraries and archives that serve the public.

Diversity and Inclusion: The Library will acquire and provide access to scholarly resources that support Brown’s education and leading-edge research on issues of race, ethnicity, inequality, and justice in the U.S. and around the globe. Our programs, spaces, and digital information tools will be accessible and responsive to diverse needs of the campus community.

**COLLECTIONS**
- 7 million books, ebooks & rare volumes owned by Brown
- 90 million volumes available from partner libraries
- 159,000 current ejournals
- 145,000 digital video, image & audio media resources

**INSTRUCTION**
- 250 courses per year incorporate librarian instruction
- 120 courses per year utilize special collections materials
- 300,000 views per year of library guides & tutorials
- 1,600 students & faculty per year attend workshops taught by librarians

**RESEARCH**
- 3 miles of archives & manuscripts holdings for primary research
- 2,500 consultations per year to support faculty & student research
- 150 consultations per year helping researchers develop data management plans
- 650 original datasets currently maintained for Brown faculty