

HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Houston Cole Library is to provide information services and bibliographic resources to support the scholarly and informational needs of the University community. In doing so, the Library strives to reflect the curriculum first, with secondary emphasis on faculty research and statewide resource sharing. The Library serves students, faculty, administration, and staff of the University. It also makes its resources available to the local community, businesses, schools, and Alabama libraries, thereby contributing to the educational, cultural, and economic well-being of the area. It is an integral part of the Academic Affairs Division and reports to the Vice-President. Librarians work in partnership with the academic departments to enhance the learning experience outside the classroom. Library instruction, reference, database searching, circulation of books and reserve materials, interlibrary borrowing, and audio-visual services contribute directly to the faculty's pedagogic success. Materials acquisitions and cataloging build the Library's collections and make them accessible to its clientele.