Rutgers University Libraries are the preeminent public research library in the State of New Jersey. Comprised of spaces, people, and resources that serve the distinctive needs and aspirations of the communities in which they are located, the Libraries function as a unified system with coordinated services and shared expertise and collections. Libraries, centers, and reading rooms located at Rutgers University–Camden, Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Rutgers University–Newark, and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences support research, learning, and public service across the university.

**Guiding Principles**

A. The Libraries are the intellectual commons of the university.

B. The Libraries are welcoming spaces that strive to be safe and secure places for both people and collections.

C. The Libraries engage with the many diverse populations and programs of the university.

D. The Libraries support the research agendas, programs, and priorities of the faculty by providing information resources, broad expertise, and spaces that promote scholarly research, interdisciplinary exchanges, and collaboration.

E. The Libraries provide spaces, collections, and services that are accessible.

F. The Libraries strive to inspire student learning, collaboration, exploration, and discovery in both the digital and analog worlds.

G. The Libraries acquire, preserve, make available, and showcase unique and rare collections that enhance the reputations and prestige of the university.

H. The Libraries provide cost effective collections and services in order to achieve efficiencies across the university.

I. The Libraries respond to the evolving needs of our students and faculty, and in doing so save the time and effort of our community members.

J. The Libraries develop internal and external strategic partnerships to further the mission of the university.

K. The Libraries advance the university goal to be among the top public AAU institutions.

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