

University Vision and Statement of Purpose

La Trobe University will continue to enhance its profile nationally and internationally and will achieve wide recognition for delivering socially responsible, inclusive, relevant and radical learning, teaching and research.

La Trobe University will promote critical inquiry, advance and share knowledge, and support the practical application of knowledge for the benefit of all.

Library Vision and Mission

Vision

- Dynamic and innovative, the Library extends beyond its physical boundaries.
- As the key provider of quality information and related services, we are proactive and flexible in fulfilling information needs.
- We work with La Trobe University students and staff to achieve teaching, learning and research goals.

Mission statement

La Trobe University Library is committed to achieving the highest standards in the provision of information resources and services in order to advance the teaching, learning and research of the University.

Teaching and Learning – core priorities and Library strategies

University priority	Develop sustainable high quality teaching programs.
Library strategy	In partnership with academic staff build high quality library collections that are aligned with curriculum development.
<i>Library actions 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advise on library collections at the point of curriculum design. ■ Investigate automated processes for book and e-book selection, acquisition and processing.
University priority	Establish a student experience program to improve employability and develop the skills and understanding of rounded citizens.
Library strategy	Contribute to graduate capabilities and life-long learning by embedding information literacy into the curriculum, in collaboration with academic staff.
<i>Library actions 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Implement generic, online information literacy programs based on international best practice. ■ Implement the Library Information Literacy Policy in each Faculty to achieve a systemic, sustainable and systematic model of undergraduate research skills education that is consistent at each campus. ■ Continue to embed information resources and services into the learning management system, wherever possible. ■ Work closely with academic language and learning skills staff to provide integrated services to students.
University priority	Resource teaching excellence.
Library strategy	Promote and deliver information resources linked to curriculum delivery.
<i>Library actions 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Investigate and implement improved federated searching of digital resources. ■ Investigate and implement improved OPAC features based on available usability data. ■ Expand virtual reference services using Web 2.0 capability.
University priority	Promote equity of access for students of ability.
Library strategy	Provide equitable access to information resources within flexible learning environments accommodating a diversity of learning styles and ensuring consistent levels of service.
<i>Library actions 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Plan for redevelopment of Bundoora Library to provide quality learning spaces that encourage collaboration and enhance learning. ■ Consider options for building redevelopment at Bendigo. ■ Investigate unmediated document delivery options including the BONUS scheme.

Research – core priorities and Library strategies

University priority Expand research quality and impact.
Library strategy Build and promote access to research collections for development of new knowledge and the application of knowledge for the benefit of all.

- Library actions 2009*
- Acquire, organise and deliver high quality digital collections that match recognised quality of print collections, particularly in the University's areas of research strength.
 - Maintain quality of print collections particularly in the University's areas of research strength.
 - Prepare business case for long term storage of and access to print collections.
 - Review the need for quotas on Inter-Lending Document Delivery Service material for postgraduates.

University priority Raise volume and quality of research and increase research income.
Library strategy In partnership with researchers develop open access, institutional repositories of research outputs and provide advice on the curation and preservation of research data.

- Library actions 2009*
- Promote regulation changes that provide automatic deposit of higher degree theses into the open access institutional repository.
 - Provide easy pathways for the self-submission of research outputs into open access.
 - Establish current status of preservation and curation of research data and suggest options and architectures for the future.

University priority Establish targeted cross-faculty research institutes.
Library strategy Promote Library resources and services that advance global, collaborative research.

- Library actions 2009*
- Contribute to the advancement of research information skills for staff.
 - Provide targeted services, research skills programs and (as building changes allow) specific study areas for postgraduate students.
 - Improve search and navigation of multi-disciplinary digital resources.

Enabling priorities and Library strategies

Library actions 2009

- Staff**
- Recruit, develop and retain skilled and committed staff.
 - Review staff development policies.
 - Facilitate cross campus collaboration.
 - Implement succession planning strategies.
 - Explore the possibility of implementing (and budgeting for) a new library graduate position.
- Organisation**
- Reconsider staff synergies in the Web 2.0 environment.
 - Following consultation, implement recommendations of the functional review.
- Internationalisation**
- Ensure offshore students receive equitable access to the resources they require for research and study.
 - Contribute to and participate in international collaborative library activities.
- Marketing and communication**
- Develop communications strategy.
 - Monitor client perceptions and incorporate results of surveys into planning.
 - Promote library services and resources to users and non-users.
- Resources**
- Maximise return on investment in library resources and services.
 - Manage Library budget effectively and sustainably.
 - Manage Library environment flexibly for changing research and study needs.
 - Contribute to long term building plans and the University's master plan for buildings.