Technology Vision Statement

The University of Rhode Island Libraries will strive to utilize the newest technologies to ensure optimum access to, and delivery of, information for the University and the State of Rhode Island. The Libraries will seek to create and develop resources and services in all formats critical to the current and evolving information needs of all its users.

Goals

1. The Libraries will provide users with robust equipment and networks which support their needs through efficient access to information resources.

2. The Libraries will use information and telecommunication technologies to enhance information literacy objectives and distance learning.

3. The Libraries will seek ways to deliver educational video and audio content to students and faculty.

4. The Libraries will continue to provide print content with electronic content where possible.

5. The Libraries will continue to maintain a robust integrated library system within a consortial environment.

6. The Libraries will continue to provide non-content related e-services (e.g. Serials Solutions, e-Reserves, etc.) for its users.

7. The Libraries will provide staff with the education and training needed to support new technologies.

8. The Libraries will be committed to provide the staffing and funding at the level needed to support and implement the Library’s technology.

9. The Libraries will advocate for an active role in the planning and implementation of any University wide technology initiatives
Implementation Plan

1. Inventory our current technology assets annually in order to evaluate what we need for the short term. (Goals #1, 2, 3, 4)

2. Create a list of resources necessary to accomplish the goals for both the short term and the long term. (Goals #1, 2, 3, 4, 9)

3. Determine a replacement cycle for equipment and technology based on the average life expectancy of three to four years for most computers. (Goal #1)

4. Formulate a yearly budget and plan for replacement and purchasing new resources utilizing all possible revenue sources, including grants. (Goals #3, 4)

5. Create a staffing and training plan to address the need for supporting and maintaining the technology. (Goals #7, 8)

6. Maintain active participation in the HELIN governance structure at all levels. (Goal #5)

7. Assess the current non-content related e-services (e.g. Serials Solutions, IM Reference) on an annual basis and investigate new services on an on-going basis. (Goal #6)

8. Recommend that the Dean of the University Libraries and the Vice Provost for Information and Technology Services collaborate to determine a fair allocation of technology resources. (Goals #1, 9)

9. Set up a timetable for periodic evaluation of this plan.