

## **Strategy 1: COLLECTIONS**

Provide the most accurate, and diverse collections based on the mission of the University to ensure student success while supporting the cutting-edge research of our faculty.

**GOAL:** To ensure that all of the informational materials that are required for students, faculty, and researchers success are readily available in the most user-friendly means possible.

### **ACTIONS**

- Ensure funding for the purchase of all types of materials, while adapting to the changing priorities of the University and its programs.
- Acquire scholarly information resources (journals, books, databases, media, and other resources) in support of research, teaching, and learning at the University.
- Ensure that the University Libraries collection is easily accessible in all formats through the University Library's catalog.
- Continue to enhance our rare books, archival and manuscript collections which include the Commercial Pattern Archive (the largest collection of paper patterns in the world), Rhode Island political papers (including seven gubernatorial collections), and the URI archives.
- Collaborate with other institutions (Boston Library Consortium) and stakeholders (Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust and HathiTrust) to ensure access to materials not housed on-site are accessible online or through interlibrary loan.