



RUTGERS POLICY

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1. **Policy Statement**

The University Libraries support and enrich the instructional, research, and public service missions of the University through the stewardship of scholarly information. The Libraries are responsible for the development and organization of library collections and information resources, and share their resources with the larger scholarly community as part of the nationwide network of research universities. The Libraries provide reference and instructional services for students, faculty and the citizens of New Jersey, which services assist library users in identifying, locating, and using information.

2. **Reason for Policy**

To identify the services and resources provided by the University Libraries, the constituents served, and the overall organization of the library system and collections.

3. **Who Should Read This Policy**

All members of the Rutgers University community.

4. **Related Documents**

5. **Contacts**

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6. The Policy

10.1.4 THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

- A. The University Libraries shall be responsible for the development and organization of library collections and information resources in support of instructional and research needs of students and faculty. In addition, they shall provide reference and instructional services which assist library users in identifying, locating, and using information. The Libraries shall operate as a unified system, characterized by common goals and policies, and by a single collection of library and information resources. Library resources and facilities, regardless of their diverse physical locations, shall be maintained in support of all Rutgers faculty and students at all campuses. Accordingly, the Libraries shall be closely linked by a common electronic database and by delivery and document transfer systems.
- B. The Libraries also shall serve as a major information resource to the citizens of New Jersey through consortial and other public service arrangements. As a part of the nationwide network of research universities, the Libraries shall share their resources with the larger scholarly community and in turn make the holdings of other research libraries available to Rutgers students and faculty.