Library Mission Statements
Statement of Purpose and Charter of Principles

THE IRVING K. BARBER LEARNING CENTRE WILL BE A REVOLUTIONARY and evolutionary facility dedicated to the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic development of people in British Columbia. By providing and enhancing access to information, knowledge, and innovative teaching through the support of learning and research on an interactive basis with people in British Columbia and throughout the world, the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre will provide the opportunity for future generations to be at the forefront of learning.

Constructed around the core of the Main Library of The University of British Columbia, the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre will demonstrate the fundamental relationship between the heritage of the past and the potential of the future. The Learning Centre will be a visual icon for a learning environment that provides the tools and support to turn information and data into knowledge, understanding, and solutions for today's and tomorrow's worlds.

The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre will be committed to providing:

- A flexible and technologically advanced facility that keeps pace with the evolution in information resources and education in the 21st century and beyond;
- Immediate access to the information and other resources required to support research and innovation;
- 15 years of growth space for UBC Library's print collection and environmentally suitable space for its collections of rare and special materials;
- The facilities and means for people throughout British Columbia to connect and interact with the national and international community in the pursuit of learning;
- An interdisciplinary environment dedicated to integrating people, knowledge, and innovation to develop solutions for the challenges of life in the new millennium and beyond;
- The Learning Centre will be not only a focal point of education for students and teachers at UBC but will also support lifelong learning by people throughout B.C. and the world. It will enable them to work effectively together in continuing to build a better British Columbia through the sharing of knowledge and experience.

The Learning Centre will be the gateway to UBC's extensive library systems as well as to other library collections around the world. The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre reflects the dedication of its founders and the people of British Columbia to continue to reinvest in the future of the Province by supporting and enhancing the environment for learning. The University of British Columbia and the Province of British Columbia are committed to achieving this purpose and these Principles and to establishing and maintaining the Learning Centre as a leading facility in the development, provision, and delivery of learning resources and services.

Irving K. Barber, Citizen
Martha C. Piper, President & Vice-Chancellor
Gordon Campbell, Premier

October 2002

"THROUGH THIS FACILITY, WE HAVE OPENED THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY. THE POWER OF NEW IDEAS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE PROVINCE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

GORDON CAMPBELL

Launched June 22, 2000
Mission Statement

The Library’s primary mission is to serve as the intellectual commons of the University, providing high-quality resources, services, and gateways to information to meet the needs of OSU’s diverse instructional, research, and outreach programs. In accordance with the University’s land grant mission, the Library also serves as an information resource for all the citizens of Oklahoma through both direct access to its extensive collections and special services and by sharing these resources as needed with other libraries in the state.

Vision Statement

As the academic heart of the University, the Library will be responsive to the needs of its constituents, will emphasize cooperative arrangements with other libraries, and will maximize the application of state-of-the-art technology to facilitate speedier and ever wider access to needed information. To serve the university community fully, the library must:

- Provide the best services, strongest collections and state-of-the-art information technologies for faculty, students and staff;
- Bring together in its collections the results of research and scholarship as well as a rich diversity of opinions and human experiences;
- Be a place where everyone is free to pursue knowledge without fear of disclosure or censorship;
- Lead Oklahoma academic libraries in building cooperative services, collections and applications of technology to serve all Oklahomans;
- Hire service oriented faculty, staff, and student assistants who represent diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

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