



STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2025

OVERVIEW

This third strategic plan for Yeshiva University Libraries began in 2022, and the year-long process incorporated a variety of feedback tools, both focus groups and surveys that engaged faculty members, deans, undergraduates, and graduate students.

Rajesh Singh, Associate Professor at St. John's University, whose research and teaching focus on leadership, management, and organizational behavior, guided the process.

MISSION

The Yeshiva University Libraries are committed to promoting excellence in liberal arts and sciences, facilitating professional education, advocating for faculty research, and strengthening the university's position as a prominent hub for Jewish studies. We fulfill this mission through dedicated service, accessible collections, comprehensive information resources, engaging programs, and cultivating an inviting, functional, and flexible physical environment.

VISION

Yeshiva University Libraries aspire to be at the forefront of the academic enterprise, fostering discovery, encouraging critical thinking, and facilitating interdisciplinary information exchange. We empower students and faculty to collaborate, experience intellectual growth, and acquire skills for lifelong learning. Our goal is to advance research and scholarship, particularly in Jewish Studies, and contribute to knowledge and understanding on a global scale.

GOALS

1. Support Student Success

- Promote the adoption of open educational resources and textbook alternatives.
- Implement an academic integrity survey to uphold ethical standards.
- Develop and embed video tutorials for online graduate programs.
- Pilot a research skills workshop specifically designed for political science majors.

2. Fortify Faculty Teaching and Research

- Evaluate and assess the impact of library services on faculty teaching and research.
- Establish a distinguished research fellowship to support original scholarly work.
- Develop a comprehensive policy for the archiving of digital materials.

3. Enhance Physical and Virtual Library Spaces

- Create a dedicated space for Bloomberg terminals.
- Staff and equip digital media studios to serve as creative hubs.
- Refresh exhibition spaces to showcase collections and creative work.
- Improve wayfinding signage for enhanced navigation.
- Reconfigure instructional rooms to create a flexible learning environment.
- Enhance the Hedi Steinberg Library with donor funds to provide a conducive space for study and research.

4. Cultivate Connections

- Share updates and insights regularly with library professionals through various channels.
- Explore and implement an upgraded digital collections platform.
- Digitize course catalogs for improved accessibility.
- Collaborate with the law library to implement a shared system for enhanced functionality.
- Highlight and feature new acquisitions through various communication channels.