The Iowa State University Library aspires to be a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging space that provides the technology, services, and resources that support student research, collaboration and wellbeing. To this end, the library strives to provide modernized physical and virtual spaces that meet the changing needs and expectations of our students and reflects the richness of diversity of our students. The library assists students in navigating a world of information through information literacy training, developing research skills, and introducing them to new modes of scholarly output. In support of our students, the library partners with faculty to increase the creation and use of open educational resources, which reduce costs to students. The library also employs hundreds of students a year to assist in the important work we do, and provides student employee scholarships.

The Iowa State University Library upholds the values rooted in academic freedom and the land-grant mission of researching and sharing knowledge beyond the campus borders for the common good. To this end, the library aligns operational practices and focuses efforts and resources on advancing open initiatives including open access, open data, open educational resources, and open-source systems. The library advances the free dissemination and preservation of the research and scholarly outputs of the university community through our services.

The Iowa State University Library will continue to place diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice at the center of our work practices and professional development.