



Strategic Plan 2008-2013

Our Mission

The **Ryerson University Library and Archives** is integral to learning, teaching, and scholarly, research and creative activities (SRC). We collect, organize, preserve, disseminate and provide access to essential information resources. Our services focus on our users to enable knowledge creation. Through engagement with students, faculty and the community we collaborate in fostering successful critical thinkers and lifelong learners.



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Our Values

We are committed to:

- Intellectual freedom and the right to privacy
- Equitable access
- Information literacy
- Honouring our heritage and enhancing our reputation
- Service excellence and accountability
- Open communication and collaboration
- Creating stimulating learning environments
- Innovation and flexibility
- Continuous improvement



Our Context

This is a transformative era in academic libraries and in the history of the Ryerson University Library and Archives. We have grown through stages of supporting an increasingly diverse undergraduate population, while broadening our scope to serve graduate students in a comprehensive university. We are now expanding our role as a research library, underpinning the SRC agenda of the university community. As the Ryerson community has grown, so has the library to support it.

We have been nimble in refining collections, services and space to anticipate and respond to changing needs. But the sheer growth in students and comprehensiveness of programs mean that we must take major steps in the next five years to weave the Ryerson University and Archives into the fabric of the academic agenda. Just as a successful university library must be aligned with the academic mission of the university, this strategic plan outlines how the Ryerson University and Archives will be fundamentally engaged in that mission as expressed in *Shaping Our Future: Academic Plan for 2008-2013*.

At Ryerson, we have been moving steadily to create a balance of collections, access and space for human interaction and self reliance, in an approach both physical and virtual, all in support of learning, teaching and SRC. The continued success of the Ryerson University Library and Archives is predicated on creating a user-focused learning environment, where one can undertake a journey of several destinations in the course of a day, an hour or an online minute. We have an exciting and dynamic five years ahead as we continue to build on our success.

Our Future

Our Strategic Plan, **Building on Success**, emphasizes five core goals:

- 1. Build Our Space** – As the principal occupant of the new Student Learning Centre, we will create new collaborative learning spaces that place the user firmly in the centre, while we manage and repurpose current learning and collections space.
- 2. Build Our Collections** – We will develop appropriate collections to support the undergraduate, graduate and SRC needs of the university, with a focus on sustainable growth and an emphasis on both digital and physical collections.
- 3. Build Our Support of Teaching and Learning** – We will explore and develop new partnerships to share expertise and to develop collaborative strategies to support teaching, learning and student success.
- 4. Build Our Technology** – We will embrace mobile computing with the aim to extend our virtual reach through innovative uses of technology, moving from the library on your laptop to developing the library in your pocket.
- 5. Build Our Reputation** – We will enhance our reputation through systematic assessment, staff development, and a strategic marketing and communications plan to make the Ryerson University Library and Archives an essential destination for the Ryerson community.

To view the complete Strategic Plan, visit the Library website at:

www.ryerson.ca/library/info/strategic/strategicplan.pdf

