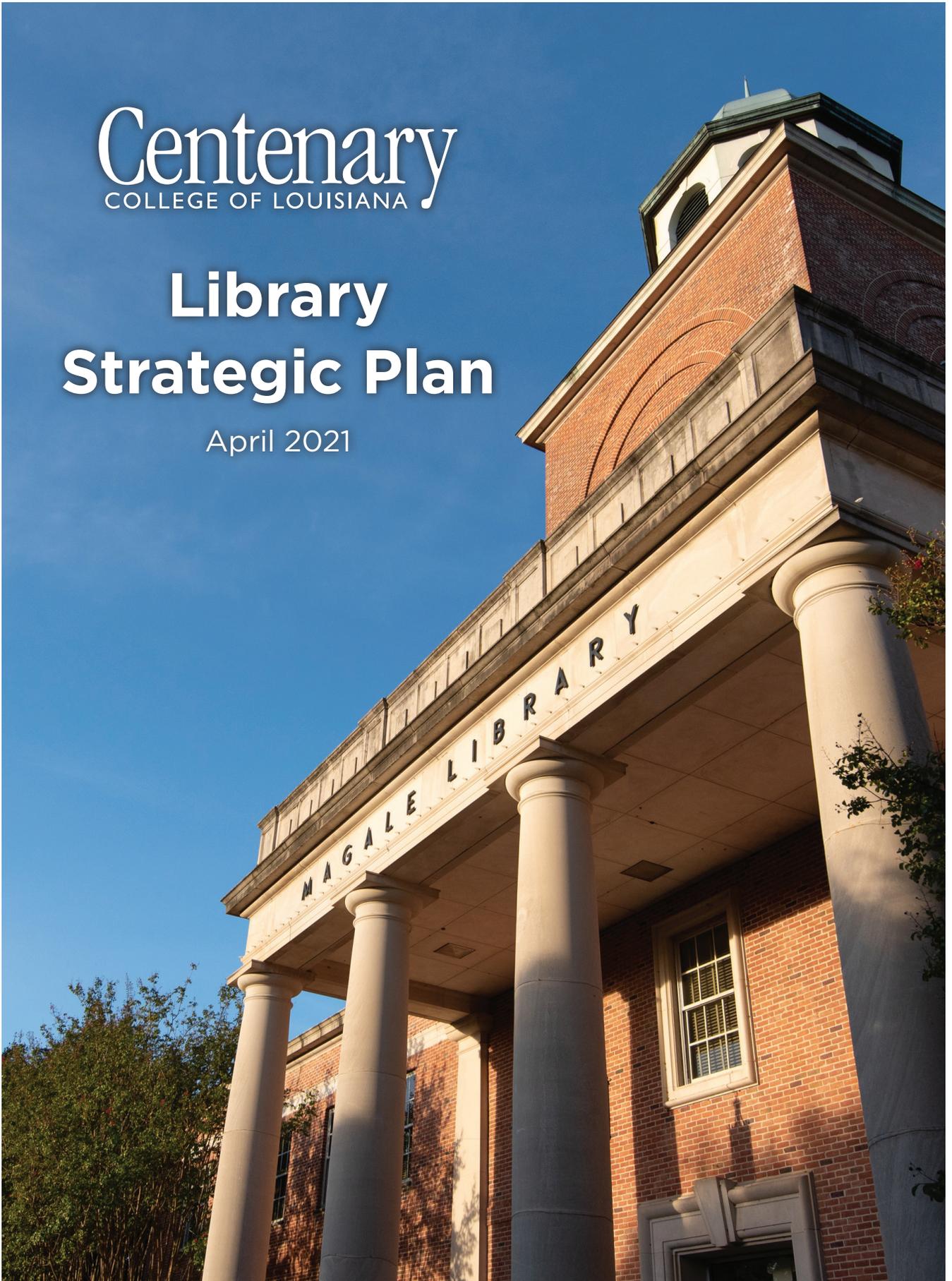


Centenary
COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

Library Strategic Plan

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About the Library

Centenary College of Louisiana's library system includes the John F. Magale Memorial Library (1963), the Hurley School of Music Library (1990), and the Centenary Archives and Special Collections (1938).

Mission

Centenary College's library system fosters intellectual development and community engagement by offering a rich academic environment in which students, faculty, and staff can study, research, collaborate, and explore while also discovering the resources and accessing the support they need to succeed and grow.

Foundational Values

While adapting to the changing information and academic support needs of its patrons, the staff of Centenary's libraries remain committed to our foundational values:

Engagement. Centenary libraries will provide meaningful and relevant instruction and programming that connects in intentional ways to the college's curriculum and that supports the creativity, scholarship, and well-being of our patrons.

Excellence. Centenary libraries will provide the necessary resources and support to facilitate the delivery of the curriculum, to help students acquire the skills and experiences that will benefit them after graduation, and to advance the College's mission of academic excellence.

Stewardship. Centenary libraries will strategically and sustainably collect and preserve information in all media to support the teaching and learning of library patrons while also ensuring the preservation of our past.

Accessibility. Centenary libraries will ensure that the library and its resources—physical and digital—are accessible to all members of our community.



Strategic Initiatives 2020-2025

GOAL 1: IMPROVE ACCESS

To meet the needs of all patrons by pursuing ADA compliance and universal access, and promoting active engagement with library and learning resources.

Initiatives:

1.1 Identify and remove barriers to physical and digital spaces to provide a positive and inclusive patron experience.

- Improve Library Hours while insuring the safety of patrons and staff
- Provide Universal access
- Improve remote access
- Organize and promote Open Educational Resources

1.2 Offer robust Information Literacy/Patron Training/Peer-training

- Train Faculty and staff
- Educate Students
- Develop digital Instructional materials and LMS Modules embedded in courses at all levels
- Promote Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC) Card

1.3 Explore new ways to connect faculty and students with the library and its resources

- Create Virtual Tours
- Update and promote media room
- Create IT and Media Help Desk
- Develop online instructional tools
- Increase patron awareness of and access to Centenary's archival materials and to the Louisiana Digital Library.



GOAL 2: DEVELOP AND REFINE COLLECTIONS

To engage in data-driven, curriculum-based collecting that is responsive to the needs of faculty and students.

Initiatives:

2.1 Conduct data-driven decision making on collections and databases; refine collections to strategically support faculty and student research

- Community needs assessment
- Review Collections Policies
- Engage in Strategic Deselection
- Combine Public Services and Instructional Outreach with Collection Development

2.2 Make Improvements to advanced database collections

2.3 Leverage access to parish and consortial resources

- Connect students and faculty to Caddo Parish Library System
- Improve Collection through collaboration with Louisiana Library Network Consortium (LOUIS)
- Reestablish Networking Opportunities with ACS
- Leverage consortial or regional access to Music Library resources

GOAL 3: INVEST IN PEOPLE

Initiatives:

To restructure and train personnel to meet the emerging needs of patrons while also being mindful of budgetary concerns.

3.1 Restructure Personnel

- Develop Leadership Team
- Re-engage Music Library and Archives as part of Leadership Structure
- Develop policies and procedures for granting faculty status to professional librarians with terminal MLIS degrees



3.2 Identify Professional Development Needs and Opportunities

- Collaborate with other ACS libraries
- Diversity Training
- Instructional Design
- Assessment
- Deselection Strategies (“weeding”)

3.3 Develop a Student Internship program

- Explore MLIS articulation agreement
- Explore Library or Literacy themed learning community

GOAL 4: REIMAGINE THE LIBRARY

To transform the library into a vibrant, intellectually engaging gathering place integrated with the Information Technology Department and Centenary’s Student Resource Center to support student success and engage the broader public.

Initiatives:

4.1 Invest in Infrastructure and Upgrades

- Make better use of Attic and Basement spaces
- Relocate archives to Sam Peters or identify and prepare an appropriate archive space
- Create Quad side entrance and patio space
- Address South Side access
- Install Fire Suppression and commit to Roof Upgrades
- Relocate faculty to appropriate office spaces to restore study and collaboration spaces on second floor
- Upgrade Basement Seminar Rooms
- Upgrade equipment in Music Library
- Invest in Maker’s Space

4.2 Develop Center for Teaching and Learning/Student Resource Center

4.3 Invest in Instructional Technology as needs emerge

- Make transition to Pay-to-Print System



4.4 Raise the public profile of the library

- Sponsor community Events
- Increase Outreach to High Schools
- Collaborate with Admissions to promote the library
- Promote Archives
- Celebrate student and faculty scholarly and creative achievements
 - Host faculty and student presentations and Honors Defenses
 - Display Faculty Publications
 - Display Student Creative Work