



## EMORY LIBRARIES STRATEGIC PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Libraries are important campus intellectual centers, offering facilities for collaborative research, the integration of digital resources in teaching and learning, the housing of rare and unpublished materials, and exhibitions and programs that bring the community closer to collections and resources that shape and inform societal issues and concerns. Superior research libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century must provide not only general collections, but also an integrated and innovative network of digital resources and special and archival research materials that are the foundation for innovative teaching and scholarship.

In the past two decades, the Emory Libraries have built strong special collections, led collaborative digitization projects, and hosted programs and events that promote the vision of Emory University as a unique learning community. Emory students have the opportunity to use abundant primary materials, state-of-the-art digital resources, and growing general collections in the libraries. The libraries increase the value of these materials by partnering with faculty to instruct students how to identify, evaluate, and effectively apply information for scholarship and citizenship.

During this time, the Emory Libraries have distinguished themselves as leaders in two key areas. First, Emory has emerged as a leader in the development of tools for linking and providing access to digital collections and in building a national digital library network. Second, Emory has acquired special collections in modern literature and African American culture that are among the most distinguished in the world.

The Emory Libraries aspire to continue to play a leadership role in building a national digital library network, supporting innovative technology initiatives, and developing premier research collections and instructional programs that make the library a destination for students and scholars. In the next five to 10 years, the Emory Libraries will:

- ◆ Develop superior collections and services supporting academic programs across the University, through collaborative partnerships among all Emory libraries, and with other research libraries nationally and internationally;
- ◆ Build upon the internationally significant modern literature and African American special collections, and develop other strategic areas as opportunities arise, to create a humanities research center at Emory recognized as among the top five in the country;
- ◆ Build a signature, world-class research facility to house Emory's renowned special collections, and provide a site for collaborative projects in the humanities (Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library or MARBL);
- ◆ Create a digital library program that consistently ranks among the most innovative and collaborative, producing major digital resources readily available and widely used for research and teaching;
- ◆ Support the vision of Goizueta Business School by developing a premier library space for student research and collaborative learning;
- ◆ Develop collection strengths in the general collection, targeting strategic areas of recognized depth and distinction, with endowments that support a major research library; and

- ◆ Prepare Emory graduates for responsible citizenship and leadership in the 21st century by helping them develop skills necessary for locating, assessing, and effectively using research resources in a complex information environment.

The libraries' strategic plan envisions a future that combines premier research collections, innovative digital resources and services, and collaborative facilities for teaching and research to create an unparalleled environment for learning, discovery, and engaged leadership.