



Emory University Strategic Plan: 2005 – 2015
Reporting Period of September 2005 through October 2010

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS: SCHOOLS AND OPERATING UNITS

Emory's schools and major operating units have made significant progress toward accomplishing University-wide goals as well as entity-specific goals. The following summarizes many, but not all significant accomplishments from the past five years.

University Libraries
Rick Luce, Director

Accomplishments: 2005 – 2010

In the past five years, the University Libraries has garnered international attention by acquiring and exhibiting the papers of noted British author Salman Rushdie and the archives of Pulitzer prize-winner Alice Walker. Opening of the Rushdie Archives and Exhibition also drew attention for the groundbreaking work with born-digital content. The Libraries collaborated on development of the open access website *Voyages, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database*, which contains information on nearly 35,000 slaving voyages; and with the School of Public Health, the Libraries launched the *Global Health Chronicles* website documenting the eradication of smallpox. A new Google-like search interface for the Emory library catalog and other proprietary databases licensed to Emory was adopted, branded as "discoverE." University Libraries also partnered with the Graduate Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA) to receive approval for a new Graduate Certificate Program in Digital Scholarship and Media Studies.

Goals: 2010 – 2015

- (1) Digital Innovations: Innovative and robust digital information services and resources will establish Emory as a leader in the development and deployment of digital information resources and services, and among the top tier digital libraries in the country
- (2) Special Collections: Renowned special collections and world-class facilities differentiate Emory from peer institutions and establish Emory as one of the top five destinations in the country for research and teaching in modern literature, African American history and culture, theological studies, and other emerging areas congruent with institutional priorities
- (3) Customer-centered Library: With a customer-centered approach, the Library will build distinctive research environments that integrate both print and digital resources and enable connections among users, communities, resources, and tools