



Bishop Mueller Library

Collaborate Access Create Share

Strategic Plan 2016-2017

About Us

The Bishop Mueller Library is an academic library focused on serving the community members of Briar Cliff University and Siouxland area. Consisting of a team of students and university employees, we connect our patrons with resources required for academic endeavors, as well as life-long learning. Our collection consists of 50,000 monographs, 250,000 premium eBooks, millions of journal articles, reserves, Blu-rays & DVDs, streaming videos, and many other resources.

By The Numbers

-  **96** Average Hours/Week
-  **500+** Average Visits/Day
-  **1,000+** Reference & Instruction Interactions Last Year
-  **1,000+** Interlibrary Loans Last Year
-  **1,000+** Items Added to the Collection Last Year
-  **5,500** Physical Items Circulated Last Year
-  **40,000** Website Visits Last Year
-  **100,000+** Article Downloads Last Year

Vision

The Bishop Mueller Library brings people together to discover and create ideas that transcend boundaries and enhance communities.

Mission Statement

Collaborate. Access. Create. Share.

The Bishop Mueller Library works in collaboration with Briar Cliff University community members and the world in accessing, creating, and sharing information.

Service Values

We serve by...

- collaborating and fostering a deeper sense of community.
- providing access to information and information creation tools, which promotes academic success and extra/co-curricular experiences.
- assisting with the creation of intellectual and cultural works.
- encouraging others to share their work with the Siouxland community and beyond.

Strategic Directions & Actions for 2016-2017

- 1. Develop deeper collaborative relationships with other BCU members**
 - 1.1. Investigate and research the specific ways faculty, first year students, and graduate students utilize library resources.
 - 1.2. Seek out partnerships and develop projects/programs that showcase undergraduate excellence, create a graduate culture, as well as other academic achievements
 - 1.3. Create a series of events and programs that foster extra/co-curricular learning experiences, cultural interactions, and life-long learning

- 2. Reimagine the student assistant program to provide experiential learning opportunities within a working-learning community**
 - 2.1. Create student assistant (mentor) based reference program
 - 2.2. Conduct annual student worker reviews
 - 2.3. Varied pay structure based on skill and seniority

- 3. Foster/Encourage the wider adaptation of technology and information services at Briar Cliff University and Siouxland**
 - 3.1. Create, develop, and implement the Technology Mentor program, which directly serves technology-heavy courses, such as CORE 131
 - 3.2. Purchase and make campus aware of high end technology
 - 3.3. Develop a plan and direct funding to update the aging computers in the library

- 4. Form modern collections and spaces which services the curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular, and professional needs of Briar Cliff University**
 - 4.1. Realign all electronic information offerings to best match our current academic offerings
 - 4.2. Provide a seamless, appropriately branded, mobile aware digital library experience
 - 4.3. Develop a space to assist with information creation at Briar Cliff University