

LIBRARY PLAN 2022 - 2025

A LIBRARY AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY, "KO TE TANGATA", FOR THE PEOPLE

ENSURE THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTIONS ARE FIT FOR PURPOSE

The role of libraries as institutions that collect, generate and share knowledge is more important than ever. We will reduce reliance on subscribed content and transition to open content to foster an 'open by default' approach across both research and teaching. We will develop clear principles and guidelines for our collections and their ongoing assessment, allowing us to articulate our approach and invest in what is unique to and valued at Waikato. We will ensure that our collections are fit for purpose, integrated into teaching and research and provide a strong return on investment.

SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY'S JOURNEY TOWARDS GREATER RESEARCH OPENNESS

The proliferation of digital scholarship tools and techniques allow the Library to transform how collections are used and to shape new services. It will require changes to staff skills and institutional infrastructure. The scholarly environment is in the midst of a shift towards greater openness in research - both in terms of the process itself but also access to the outputs from that process. The Library is a trusted and valued partner in research and will help to navigate the University through these shifts.

ENHANCE THE LIBRARY'S REPUTATION AS A TRUSTED PARTNER IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

The deluge of information together with ever-changing new and emerging technologies means equipping learners with the skills to navigate this environment is more important than ever. The pandemic highlighted issues of inequality and digital poverty in greater detail. The Library will partner across the University and beyond to address these issues.

CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR INSPIRATION AND CURIOSITY

New space developments across the University provide an opportunity to think holistically about both physical and digital space. We will be user-led, utilising user experience (UX) techniques and other behaviour and data analytics to understand how the Library fits into the user journey and support the creation of a 'sticky campus'. We will support the University's ambition to be a more digitally-enabled smart campus ensuring an inclusive learning and teaching environment for all. The commitment to fighting climate change will be reflected in our integrated environments, ensuring that we support the University in developing a sustainable, low carbon future.

PRINCIPLES

MAHI TAHI (PARTNERSHIP)

The Library not only consults but empowers our Māori communities in their success.

KAITIAKITANGA (ACTIVE PROTECTION)

The Library acts as the custodian of the taonga and knowledge it holds from the past, present and future. The Library will develop services that aim to close inequitable gaps in outcomes with non-Māori allowing our services to provide better equity for all.

KŌWHIRINGA (OPTIONS)

The Library develops services that support mātauranga and kaupapa Māori.

HOW WE WILL WORK

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING: We will bring our communities together to co-create, co-curate, and connect seemingly unconnected ideas, knowledge and people.

OUR PEOPLE: Our people are the most important asset we have in the Library. We will equip them with skills to undertake their role and evidence our commitment to lifelong learning. We will foster an environment that values difference and diversity. We are committed to creating, promoting and maintaining an inclusive, anti-racist, and supportive Library.

