

MISSION STATEMENT

Austin R. Meadows Library Faulkner State Community College

The mission of the Austin R. Meadows Learning Resources Center is to serve the student body, faculty, staff, administration, and community by providing the materials necessary for the effective dissemination of ideas and free flow of knowledge. The Center seeks to meet the research, cultural, and recreational needs of the college community. In order to give access to all library patrons and to fulfill the philosophy of the Faulkner State Community College System, the Learning Resources Center has as its specific objectives:

1. Supporting the educational program of the College by providing print and non-print resources in many formats such as books, computer databases, journals, newspapers, videos, and DVDs.
2. Functioning as one service unit to provide all types of resources (to include all print materials, non-print materials, and corresponding services).
3. Providing professional and technical assistance and instruction to students and faculty in the utilization of all resources, including some instructional equipment.
4. Insuring that all materials are accessible through the library's classification and cataloging systems.
5. Processing new library acquisitions promptly and efficiently.
6. Providing reference service to all patrons and bibliographic advice to faculty.
7. Helping instructors to keep abreast of new developments in the various disciplines.
8. Keep library equipment in excellent working order and available as needed.
9. Providing locally those materials not available from commercial sources or which must be geared to specific needs of individual instructors.
10. Maintaining up-to-date circulation, acquisition, and student use records in order to evaluate the use of the library and needs as they develop.
11. Consulting with faculty to make sure the collection is up-to-date, relevant, and in good physical condition.
12. Sharing with other local libraries the responsibilities of providing for larger community needs beyond the immediate needs of the institution.
13. Providing adequate physical facilities, with an environment which enhances services, to house all library functions and to allow for future expansion of services.
14. Using technology to assist in meeting expanding demands with limited resources.

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