Mission: The traditional mission for the University Libraries is to acquire resources, assist faculty, staff and students in using information resources, preserve resources for the future, and provide appropriate spaces for student and faculty.

Added missions for the 21st Century Research Library include creating new digital scholarship through faculty partnerships, publishing scholarship, disseminating faculty and student work through the institutional repository.

Priorities – the four priorities for the Libraries remain:

Priority 1 - To expand the Digital Scholarship and Literacy Programs.

Objectives for 2008/09
- A. Enhance the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities (CDRH) (ongoing).
- B. Digital Media Program (DMP): establish working relationships with faculty using multimedia resources.
- C. Continue to enhance GIS program, looking at data record creation options.
- D. Work with Research Computing, VC Research and VCAA office on exploring options for archiving research data and developing data management plans.
- E. Enhance the Digital Commons to help UNL researchers receiving partial or full NIH funding meet the deposit requirements for peer-reviewed articles accepted for journal publication.

Priority 2 - To enhance reference and instructional services to students, faculty, and the community.

Objectives for 2008-09
- A. Enhance liaison program to address the changing needs of the disciplines to create and archive digital scholarship.
- B. Enhance document delivery including expanding services to graduate students.
- C. Implement Encore search engine and other Innovative Interfaces (III) enhancements as appropriate and available (ongoing).
- D. Support the campus Achievement Centered Education program (ACE), including expansion of the LI110 course to meet departmental needs (ongoing).
- E. Enhance services for graduate students including providing information to graduate students on publishing and on digital scholarship.
- F. Continue to promote services to external users including reviewing circulation policies for community users.

Priority 3 - To enhance collections to meet the research, instruction, and service needs of the campus and the state in an increasingly digital environment.

Objectives for 2008-09
- A. Enhance collections to include access to research and digital collections through a central library search engine.
- B. Continue to review financing for serials.
- C. Continue to seek donations of unique materials to enhance the Libraries collections to support research and scholarship (ongoing).
- D. Build digital collections that are coherent subject areas matched to campus priorities.

Priority 4 - To seek enhanced funding for the Libraries by leveraging and expanding funding sources. The ability of the Libraries to continue to provide leading-edge services to the campus and to support the growing research activity is dependent on the Libraries having adequate resources for collections so that discretionary private funds can be used for new ventures and innovations rather than funding serials and continuing to cancel serials.

Objective for 2008-09
- A. Receive additional funding for serials.