

University of Wisconsin Law Library

2023-25 Strategic Plan

The University of Wisconsin Law Library is committed to proactive strategic planning and rigorous assessment. Our dedication ensures consistency with our mission, realization of our goals, and alignment with the research and learning needs of our students and faculty.

Crafted in close collaboration with the Law School's leadership and faculty, this three-year plan forwards the Law School's mission and the mission and ongoing key priorities of the Law Library.

Law School Mission

To educate a diverse group of exceptional lawyers and leaders through our Law in Action approach to teaching, and to advance knowledge and equal justice under law through outstanding scholarship and public engagement with communities in the state and around the globe, bringing the Wisconsin Idea to the world.

Law Library Mission

To foster research and learning

Short but powerful, our mission provides clear direction and resonates deeply, driving commitment and engagement.

Priorities & Action Areas

Ongoing Key Priorities

To advance our mission of fostering research and learning, the Law Library continuously works to advance these key priorities.

- Enhance the discoverability and accessibility of information
- Engage with patrons to locate relevant information and optimize their research and technology skills
- Promote the visibility of Law School research, scholarship, and collections
- Offer comfortable, safe, and welcoming space for study, learning, and collaboration
- Effectively and efficiently manage library resources to maximize impact and align with Law School research and learning needs
- Cultivate a supportive library staff culture that prioritizes growth, well-being, and diversity, equity, and inclusion

2023-25 Action Areas

Aligned with the Law School mission, the Law Library has identified these four action areas on which to focus our efforts in 2023-25.



Educating Students



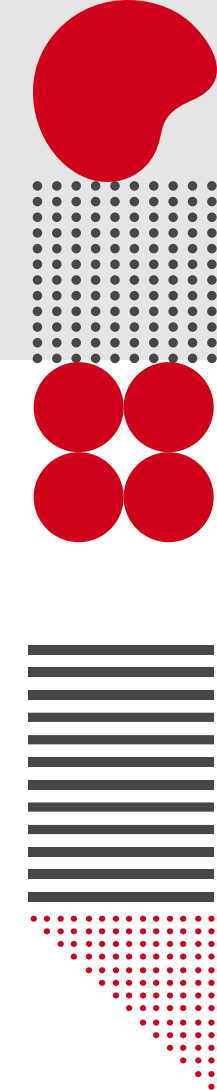
Climate & Culture



Research & Scholarly Support



Outreach & Public Engagement





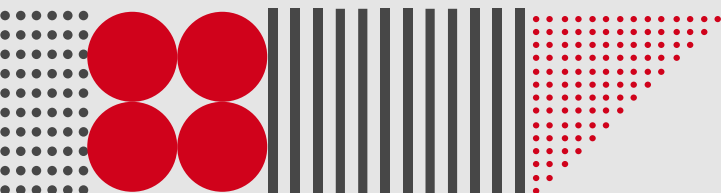
1. Educating Students

- 1.1. Increase collaboration with Legal Research and Writing and other courses with a writing component to improve student research skills
- 1.2. Be more intentional in supporting the needs of our diverse student body through our collections
- 1.3. Increase outreach to student organizations to assess and support their needs and improve awareness of library services, spaces, and collections



2. Climate & Culture

- 2.1. Explore additional options for supporting wellness in partnership with the Law School
- 2.2. Celebrate the contributions of our diverse community through library displays or other means
- 2.3. Prepare a space use analysis to inform and communicate how library space aligns with law student, faculty, and staff needs





3. Research & Scholarly Support

- 3.1. Explore new ways to strengthen research assistance to the faculty including providing additional support to and from student research assistants
- 3.2. Broaden outreach to faculty to increase their awareness of the library's electronic resources
- 3.3. Further expand efforts to increase access to and visibility of faculty and student scholarship
- 3.4. Explore opportunities to support scholarship through data gathering, collection, reporting, and management



4. Outreach & Public Engagement

- 4.1. Collaborate with internal and external partners on presentations to students and others to improve their knowledge of legal research and law librarianship
- 4.2. Explore collaboration with community partners to provide access to unique legal materials through new repository collections such as the Herman Goldstein Collection, Wisconsin Tribal Laws Collections, and Wisconsin Constitutional History Collection
- 4.3. Explore the creation of an online library card application for community members

