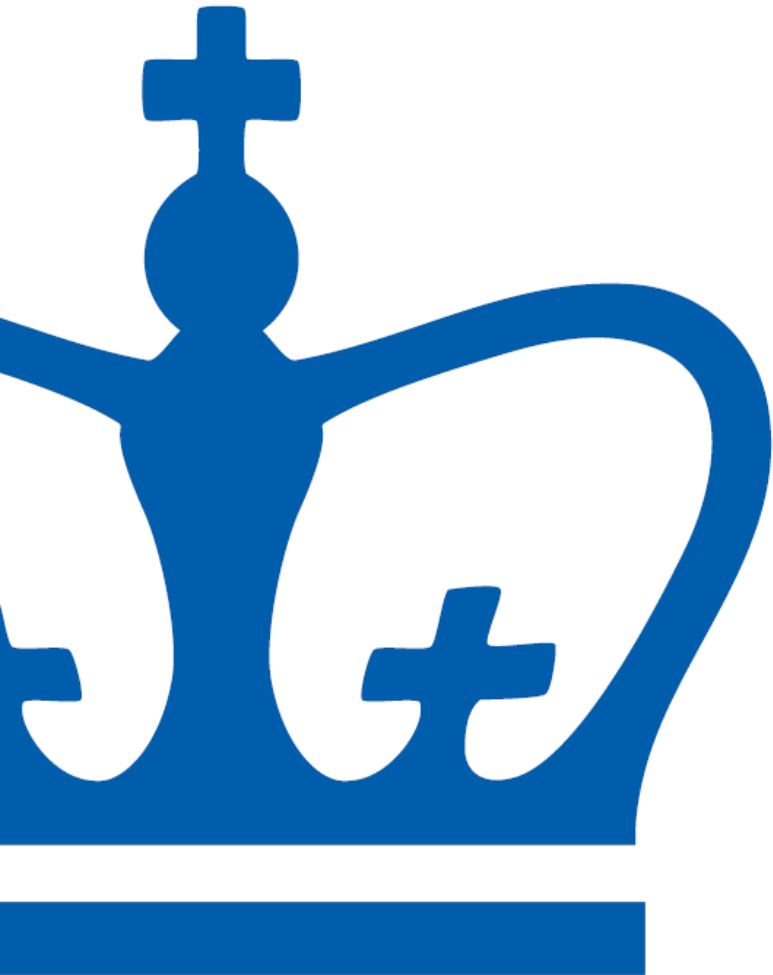


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The Mission of the Libraries *is to provide:*

- A place for scholarly research for faculty and students.
- Purposeful uses of new technologies to support teaching and learning
- Facilities and resources for student and faculty study and collaboration
- Preservation of collections

Study Space

- Study space has been an ongoing discussion & challenge, especially prior to and during mid-term and final exams.
- Finding more study space is especially important given the pending three-year closure of the Barnard Library and the closure of the Engineering Library. The new Barnard Library will increase study space from 300 to approx. 900 seats
- There are a number of considerations to provide more study space in the Lehman and Butler Libraries and there is a current plan to add 98 study spaces in 301 and 310 Butler by the end of this summer.

Study Space (cont'd)

The Provost Office has completed an external study that recommends adding a significant number of seats over the next five years. The challenge is to provide enough student study seats during peak demands without having too many empty seats throughout the year.

Part-Time and Remote Students

- Many P/T and remote students are not aware of the vast amount of library resources available to them because they do not spend as much time on the campus
- P/T and remote students may need more streamlined ways to access information at the Libraries and specific to their program needs.
- Libraries are actively working on a web site for remote/off campus users.

Library access for Special Groups and Individuals

- There are a growing number of strategic alliances (mentors, groups, organizations, institutes, centers) that engage with Columbia programs, students and funded research projects
- There is no facility to provide limited access to these individuals if they do not have a valid Columbia UNI
- Access to online library resources is limited by contracts with external vendors and legal constraints imposed by federal agencies.

Columbia PARC (Promoting Access to Research and Collaboration) pilot project

- Establish a University-wide aggregation and discovery capability to identify faculty expertise, areas of research, current projects, publications, etc.
- A number of colleague universities are licensing third-party products like Simplectic Elements to provide such a capacity.

Provost's Committee on the Libraries

The Provost has reconvened the Provost's Committee on the Libraries with one member representing the Senate Libraries Committee.