

Arthur Lakes Library Summary: 2017 Strategic Planning and Renovation Vision

Built in 1953 and expanded in 1977, the current library structure is undersized with poor layout, is technologically outmoded, and no longer effectively supports the innovative spirit of the Mines research community.

I. 2017-2020 Strategic Plan – High Level Goals

The Arthur Lakes Library identified seven goals that relate to one of the high-level institutional goals identified in the CSM 2014-2024 Strategic Plan.

1. Enhance the user experience
2. Cultivate and strengthen information competencies
3. Dynamically respond to users' resource needs
4. Expand outreach and engagement
5. Become the campus nexus for scholarly communication
6. Commit to career development for all library staff
7. Formalize library development

Learn more: [Arthur Lakes Library 2017-2020 Strategic Plan](#)

II. Library Renovation and Expansion Vision

A re-envisioned physical library will enhance the Mines research mission with collaborative new spaces that include but are not limited to:

- Center for Scholarly Communications – To advance digital scholarship
- Student Success Center –CASA, writing center, testing center, tutoring services, research consultation
- Cultural, STEAM, and social spaces: Spaces for intellectual and artistic programming
- Casual student space – As requested by students, including gaming lounge, meditation space, more
- A centralized showcase for the library's distinctive special collections and archives, including displays, reading room, event space
- Possible relocation of museum to adjoin the library's special collections and archives space
- Faculty lounge – As requested by faculty
- Geospatial data center expanded computer lab, library instruction classrooms, extended study spaces
- Full service café - With possibility of serving as an entrepreneurial education component for students

Learn more: [Renovation Vision](#) and [Major Proposed Renovation Features](#)

III. Pathways of Distinction

1. STEM business incubator, in collaboration with the proposed Innovation Hub
2. STEM-focused scholarly communications center
3. Scaffolding research competencies throughout the curriculum
4. Celebrating distinctive museum and library collections
5. Fostering research community through intentional spaces
6. STEAM initiatives, in collaboration with HASS

Learn more: [Library Pathways of Distinction](#) and [Additional Pathway of Distinction: From STEM to STEAM](#)