



**Wallerstedt Learning Center
Mission Statement
(Revised 10/08)**

The primary mission of Wallerstedt Learning Center is to provide information resources, services, and programs to support and enhance the mission of Bethany College in the development and education of a liberally educated person. In addition, Wallerstedt Learning Center will continue to serve the Lindsborg community and area patrons who wish to utilize the resources of the library. This includes promoting the 5 principles that shape Bethany's identity: Integrity, Hospitality, Relationship, Leadership, and Sustainability.

Goal #1: To provide a collection of information resources, print, media, and electronic to meet the curricular and informational needs of students, faculty and staff.

Strategy:

- a) Facilities and equipment for the effective organization, storage, and use of information resources will be provided.
- b) The learning center will acquire material selected by faculty and library staff promptly and efficiently.
- c) The learning center will promote informational and educational learning through the use of books, media, on-line searching and equipment.
- d) Maintain the integrity of the collection by providing access to all materials regardless of their bias.

Goal #2: To organize and manage the collection by up-to-date technological means for maximum access and utilization.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will catalog and process materials promptly and efficiently to make them available for use.
- b) Annual assessment and evaluation of library services and procedures will be conducted to assure effective and efficient acquisition and utilization of monetary and human resources.

Goal #3: To create an atmosphere of hospitality by striving to provide bibliographic aids and staff assistance in identifying, locating and using information sources, at Wallerstedt Learning Center, other libraries, and on electronic venues.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will use faculty suggestions and standard bibliographies from *Resources for College Libraries* for reviewing media and lists to build an excellent reference and general collection.
- b) The learning center will provide subscriptions to on-line databases and bibliographic searching capability of the libraries on-line catalog to faculty and students both on an off campus through a proxy server.
- c) The learning center will provide access to other materials found at other institutions through interlibrary loan services.
- d) The learning center staff will provide instruction and assistance in the use of both print and on-line resources through bibliographic instruction classes and one-on-one instruction
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Goal #4: To continue cooperative efforts to increase services and provide access to collections in other libraries.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will maintain interlibrary loan services via electronic venues and the U. S. mail service

Goal #5: To maintain a close and meaningful working relationship with academic departments to assure effective development of the collection, bibliographic instruction, and facilities.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will provide assistance in the use of its information resources by way of a professional and support staff that will provide ready reference, online-catalog assistance, and electronic searching strategies.
- b) The learning center will provide information about the library via faculty workshops, emails, and one-on-one conversations.

Goal #6: To continue to develop a capable learning center staff and skilled support personnel that can provide leadership to the campus community concerning information resources.

Strategy:

- a) Growth opportunities will be provided through attendance at workshops and conferences, on-line conferences, in addition to advanced educational work of professional and support staff.
- b) Growth opportunities will be provided through evaluations of professional and support staff.
- c) Growth opportunities will be provided through weekly staff meetings of professional and staff personnel.
- d) Growth opportunities will be provided through training and evaluation of student workers.

Goal #7: To insure continued utilization and development of resources and services by monitoring and assessing professional and technological development.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will assess new and/or innovative technological advancements and adopt those which have the potential of improving services.
- b) The learning center will provide necessary resources and equipment to utilize various types of instructional media.

Goal #8: To develop and maintain effective planning programs.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will establish internal procedure and planning to provide data for budget, program, and faculty planning.
- b) The learning center will access bibliographic instruction classes through surveys.
- c) The learning center will access usage of the library resources through circulation statistics.

Goal #9: To promote and sustain a love for lifelong learning.

Strategy:

- a) The learning center will provide a comfortable, relaxed, helpful atmosphere in which to study and use various types of information sources and equipment.
- b) The learning center will provide space for exhibits of educational and aesthetic value.
- c) The learning center will offer library service to the community in so far as there is no conflict with needs and resources of the college.