MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the Washburn University Libraries is to provide user-centered support for teaching and learning within the context of the University academic plan.

GOAL 1: INFORMATION RESOURCES. Improve the breadth, depth, and accessibility of information resources and library collections required to support instruction and research.

Action 1: Improve the breadth and depth of information resources.
- Purchased JSTOR Arts & Sciences II collection (containing 122 full-text journal titles).
- Purchased PsycARTICLES (containing all 53 full-text journal titles published by the American Psychological Association).
- Purchased Annual Reviews Archive (containing 35 titles in the arts and sciences).
- Completed the addition of approximately 350 electronic journals which come free with our print subscriptions.
- Continued investigation of various new electronic resources through Regent’s Libraries Database Consortium as well as individually.
- In response to specific focus group comments, have reallocated funds for the purchase of additional classical music CDs.
- Reviewed and adjusted the list of journal titles purchased in microform.
- Completed applications for 2 ILDP grants.

Action 2: Improve the accessibility of information resources.
- Worked with the Assistant Director of Technical Services to load records into our online catalog for all of our electronic journals (approximately 9,200 records).
- Began processing of the balance of the William I. Koch Art History Collection. As of June 30, 2005, records for approximately 1,750 items have been loaded into our online catalog.
- Worked with the Circulation Manager to compile and complete the “Shelving Study of Mabee Library” detailing long-term shelving requirements for the facility.
• In conjunction with the Circulation Manager, shifted the periodical collection (first floor) and developed plan for shifting of the book collection (third floor).
• Reclassified all audiovisual materials into Library of Congress classification system.
• Funds were received through an LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant for a pilot project for setting up electronic reserves function.

GOAL 3: ASSESSMENT. Continue to assess the effectiveness and impact of library collections and services in meeting user needs and take steps to ensure continued success and improvement.

Action 1: Assess effectiveness of information resources.
• Continued to work on implementation of various Collection Analysis Project (CAP) recommendations. During this report year CAP recommendations #5 (improve the accessibility of electronic journals), #6 (writing a “Third-Party Web Site Policy”), and #7 (developed a form for the selection of e-resources) have been completed. Significant activity has occurred regarding recommendation #1 (realignment of subject area responsibilities) and #14 (continued training of selectors).
• Began process to assess effectiveness (importance) of journal collection by collating data from faculty survey.
• Worked with selectors on assessing LibQual™ and focus group comments.
• Performed assessment of the Libraries’ information resources in support of accreditation reports for the Music Department (National Association of Schools of Music) in the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Business (American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business).