NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- Centralized service point; shift away from print-based operation model
- New structure focuses on five areas: research; student learning and outreach; managing resources and facilitating discovery; technology; and services
- Welcomed new Associate Deans in 2017 and 2018

IMPROVED SPACES

- Condensed stacks to created more open space, improved visibility, and wider aisles and walkways
- Relocated Maps Collection to second floor in Waldo Library
- Opened Graduate Student Commons on third floor in Waldo Library
- Created additional group study rooms in the Waldo Library and Education Library facilities

Access to Educational Technology

We added educational technology to our facilities to support instructors and allow students to explore new technology.

Waldo Library now features a Virtual Reality Lab created in partnership with OIT and a Makerspace developed by the Innovation Club.

Future plans include the development of a Learning Glass presentation room and multi-media production space.

ESSENTIAL STUDIES

Librarians are available to consult on assignment design and present in classes with Information Literacy outcomes. This service is available for all courses. Contact your librarian or make a consultation appointment online anytime.
EXPANDING WMU’S REACH

Our Institutional Repository hosts WMU journals, theses, dissertations, and other content. This content has over 6.2 million downloads globally.

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TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY

We have grown our textbook collection tremendously to meet an increasing demand from students who cannot afford them.

Some faculty have reported concerns about textbook affordability and dissatisfaction with commercial textbook options.

We want to work with faculty on longer-term solutions. We invite faculty members to join us for an Open Textbook workshop on October 26 to continue this conversation and learn about solutions.

DIGITIZING PRIMARY SOURCES

We have been digitizing our rare and fragile collections to expand access to primary source materials.

• Recent work includes digitizing WWI and II personal narratives, scrapbooks, and correspondences and a WWII propaganda collection.
• Amy Bocko, Digital Projects Librarian, will be working to expand our digital collections and work with faculty to create collaborative digital projects.

Open Textbook Workshop for WMU Faculty
October 26, 10 a.m. to noon | 1060 Fetzer Center
Complimentary lunch served at noon
Facilitated by the Open Textbook Network

CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS WITH FACULTY

Beginning in Spring 2019, we will host a series of conversations with faculty to learn more about how we can serve their needs. We invite you to participate and share your thoughts about library services and programming that is valuable to you.

Visit us for services, instruction, and resources.
We’re here to help.