Why, who, and wherefore

Our Libraries exist to uphold the mission of the library, and to support the Goals of Athens Technical College. In particular, the library strives to be a vital component in the education of our students, through services and resources we provide, and also collaboratively, through the support, training, and resources we provide for all faculty and staff. The vision of the library, as outlined below, is to grow and develop into a hub for all to connect, contribute, share, evaluate, collaborate, and engage, in both traditional and non-traditional ways, as technologies continue to emerge and the needs of both educators and students continue to evolve.

Athens Technical College Library
Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: Student learning
Objective 1
Teach information literacy to individuals and classes in person and through distance education pathways
Objective 2
Provide accessible and quality resources and services
Objective 3
Provide a streamlined library virtual presence
Objective 4
Work with distance education to offer electronic services and resources to provide equal access

Goal 2: Increase faculty and staff knowledge and use of library resources
Objective 1
Teach information literacy to individuals and classes in person and through distance education pathways
Objective 2  
Increase outreach to faculty  
Objective 3  
Collaborate and connect with faculty to create materials and workshops to support curricula  
Objective 4  
Support faculty and staff professional development

Goal 3: A welcome environment functioning as the center of the college and community  
Objective 1  
Establish a learning commons environment to be a visible hub for students, faculty, staff, and resources to intersect  
Objective 2  
Add new resources, including popular and current items, to draw students to the library  
Objective 3  
Identify and build partnerships with internal and external communities of the college.

Goal 4: Library technology that supports increased library use and the mission of the college  
Objective 1  
Provide students and ATC community with access to technology  
Objective 2  
Implement new technologies to enhance learning and development opportunities  
Objective 3  
Maximize existing technology to enhance library services and improve workflow and assessment

Goal 5: Sustainability  
Objective 1  
Identify and maintain resources and services that encourage sustainability and long-term success

How it all comes together  
- Online curriculum/program specific resource pages  
- New library catalog with customizable features  
- New library web page, virtual library for ATC community
• Welcoming atmosphere and great customer service
• Easily accessible library help
• Use of social media to promote services and resources
• New technology such as streaming videos, ereaders and ebooks, live chat with librarians
• Library instruction which is course specific focusing on finding, evaluating, and synthesizing information (information literacy)
• Invite program directors and faculty to evaluate their collections and deselect items and make recommendations on topics to update materials. This can help us build a collection that will be used frequently and allow for collaboration. Have a usable collection, not old books

The next 3 years

• We want to look at developing a beautiful space. An attractive environment will draw students in, encourage them to see the library as a welcoming home on campus to study, do homework, ask questions, work on group projects, and work with faculty. Faculty will also come to view the library as a place to connect with each other and students. Technology will help engage students here as well, both on- and off-campus, maintain consistency of resources, and give students a space to work on research while near the presence of experts.
• New programs should come with new resources to support them. We select resources such as databases, videos, and print materials to support existing programs, and hope to receive funds to grow along with new additions as well.
• Adding new materials to the library, such as a popular books section or new materials for existing programs, give students the opportunity to learn about their curriculum, careers, and the research process.
• With the addition of technologies, we hope to create a space where the Athens Technical College community can connect, both on and off campus. Students and faculty can see the library as the place to go for help with research and for current materials that will help with their classwork, and with their career choices.
• The library wants to reach out to faculty, staff, and students, creating new and exciting professional development and collaborative opportunities. Through embedding library services into ANGEL and through the availability of online, instant assistance and resources such as e-books, the library wants to be everywhere and involved in as much student activity as possible. Student retention, responsiveness, and engagement is highest in schools where libraries are directly involved in student activity.
The library will develop partnerships with the library community in the Athens Technical College service area.