

Libraries and Research

Professor Robert Burgess

Vice-Chancellor

University of Leicester

An Essential Service

- Libraries are
 - An Essential Part of a University's Research Infrastructure
 - Essential to Underpin Research
 - Essential for Researchers to Access Good Quality Information

Libraries, Librarians and Information Professionals

- The Challenge of Digital Technologies
- Changing Roles
- Developing Research and Information Strategies

Some Principles in Developing Research Strategy

- Linking Collections and Research
 - Partnerships between Information Librarian and Researcher
 - Focus on Collection Strengths and Gaps
 - Alert Services for Researchers
 - Developing an Electronic-only Policy on Journals

Some Key Principles

- Research Training
 - Programmes for Postgraduates
 - A Research Facilitator to Promote New Resources, Services
 - Web 2.0 Technologies to Develop Virtual Communities
 - E-theses Submissions Mandatory

Some Key Principles

- Developing a Research Archive
 - Institutional Repository - 3600 research output - top 10 in UK
- Developing Special Collections
 - To Support Research Bids
 - Links with Research Office
- Developing e-infrastructure
 - For Research and Innovation
- Sustainability and Competitiveness