

James P. Adams Library Mission Statement August 2005

The mission of the James P. Adams Library is to provide students and faculty with access to the sources of information, knowledge and services necessary to support and improve instruction and learning consistent with the objectives of the educational programs of Rhode Island College.

The Library's programs and services should: provide convenient and comprehensive access to the information and knowledge resources appropriate for the achievement of student scholarship and learning; offer instruction in the effective utilization of the library's resources; acquire and organize materials according to appropriate local, national and professional standards and practices; and support faculty research by providing information and knowledge resources as well as access to the resources of other libraries.

The Library should be committed to upholding the intellectual freedom of its users by building a collection of information and knowledge resources to express a diversity of views, and by ensuring the confidentiality of patron transactions.

The library building should offer a comfortable setting for study, scholarly inquiry, and the pursuit of intellectual curiosity. Facilities should be available to support access to the library and its materials by people with disabilities.

Service to the academic and scholarly communities of the state, the region, the nation, and the world should be maintained through cooperative arrangements that provide reciprocal benefits to the College as well.