

James P. Adams Library, Rhode Island College Technology Plan 2015-2018

Technology Vision Statement

The Adams Library uses technology and online resources to support the educational development of Rhode Island College students, faculty, and staff in the 21st century.

Goal 1: Lend Technology to Support Changing Styles of Teaching and Learning

The Adams Library continues to excel within the state of Rhode Island as a leader in technology lending programs. This includes laptop lending, iPad lending, and most recently, the lending of Nexus 7 tablets. The iPads, Nexus 7s, and some of the laptops leave the building in order for students, faculty, and staff to use for a variety of purposes. This includes research and studying, as well as field work in our teaching and social work programs.

Objectives:

- Collaborate with students and faculty to increase the use of iPads and Nexus 7s in the classroom.
- Evaluate circulation statistics of these devices as well as other academic library technology lending programs to determine which devices to invest future capital in.
- Complete campus surveys to determine which types of technologies the library can provide in the future to best support teaching and learning on campus.

Goal 2: Support Online Learning

The Adams Library continues to support the college's learning and research environment by making available a variety of eResources. This includes academic databases, eBook collections, and streaming media collections. These resources can be accessed from both on and off campus and are heavily utilized by our faculty and primarily commuter-based students.

Objectives:

- Collaborate with faculty to embed online library resources into the Blackboard Content Management System, especially for the college's increasing number of hybrid classes.
- Improve website usability and online course guide (LibGuide) creation to make a uniform navigation experience for the user.
- Offer chat reference, in addition to in-person, email, phone, and text reference services.

Goal 3: Increase Digitization and Discovery of Research Collections

The Adams Library has maintained a successful digital repository (DigitalCommons@RIC) since 2009. The URL is: <http://digitalcommons.ric.edu/> . This online repository contains special collection and college archive materials as well as student honors projects, master's theses, and faculty publications. Once these publications are available on our digital repository, they display in search engine results around the world.

Objectives:

- Increase faculty publications featured on our digital repository.
- Increase digitization of special collection materials.
- Collaborate with college administration to host images of college art and photographs.
- Participate in the RI Digital Portal Initiative to make our digital collections available through the Digital Public Library of America.

Goal 4: Create of Collaborative Technology Spaces

The Adams Library will be undergoing a major renovation process during the next 5 years. This will provide us with the opportunity to offer additional content creation spaces for students, faculty, and staff.

Objectives:

- Offer additional desktop and laptop computers for public use
- Add software from the Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc) so that the library computers offer the same software as the computer labs
- Increase the number of outlets and add charging stations for phones, laptops, and tablets.