

OXFORD UNION SOCIETY

Library mission statement

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The Library's purpose is to support the information needs of Union members and to assist scholars and researchers.

Goals

In order to fulfil the Library mission the Union Society will:

1. Maintain a Library for the use of Members of the Society
2. Make available as part of its Library collection:
 - a) Books in the main subjects taught in the University of Oxford and keep under review the subjects in which the Library means to collect
 - b) A reference collection for the use of those working in the Library
 - c) A selection of recreational reading for the use of members
3. Secure the preservation of the Society's historic collections by taking all necessary steps to ensure their proper care and conservation
4. Make available the historic collections free of charge to bona fide scholars and researchers who wish to use them in their work
5. Make available the Library's collections to commercial or other bodies and their representatives providing that, where appropriate, a reasonable fee is paid for this service
6. Make available an adequate and up-to-date collection of catalogues and finding aids for the use of Members and external researchers
7. Ensure that there is available to users a well trained staff who can advise them on their use of the collections and on the availability of other information sources in general