



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Libraries

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Rutgers, The State University of NJ

- 3 geographically disperse campuses
 - New Brunswick *flagship
 - Newark
 - Camden
 - Ranging from 1-2 hours apart
- 71k+ students
 - Among the most ethnically diverse universities in the U.S.
- #16 Public University in the U.S.
- 29+ schools and colleges
 - Including two medical schools and a law school
- 600k+ alumni around the



RU Library Challenges

- Declining Funding; Growing Expenses
 - \$50M Operating Budget
 - ≈\$31M Salary and Fringe
 - ≈\$17M Collections
 - Salary Increases and Fringe Benefit Costs
 - Collections Inflation
 - Federal Funding
- 3 Geographically Disperse Campuses
 - Aging Facilities
 - 11 Libraries
 - 2 additional facilities
 - University Leadership Structure
 - 1 President, 1 Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and 4 Chancellors
- Meeting the Real Service Demand
- Affordability
- Americans with Disabilities Act – Title II

Recent RU Library Wins

- Open and Affordable Textbook Program
- Transformative Agreements
- Collections Funding Model
- Pick Up Locker Implementation
- Library Mobile App
- ADA II Compliance Work
- Partnering with Consortia



Opportunities

- New University Administration
- Best in class infrastructure (small but mighty)
- Artificial Intelligence
- ADA - Title II
- E Preferred = Weeding = Space
- Expanded Efforts with Open Educational Resources
- Additional Transformative Agreements
- Do Even More with Consortial Partnerships

Thank you!

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