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A 21st CENTURY VISION

The Smithsonian Institution Libraries, the most comprehensive museum library in the world, strives to become an internationally recognized source for recorded knowledge and information in subjects related to Smithsonian interests. We will be catalyst, partner, and participant in the use of information technology and the transformation of scholarly research in the sciences, arts, and cultural heritage of the United States.

We shall preserve and organize our collections and shall use the most appropriate and innovative means to enrich and augment them. We shall provide vigorous, responsive service to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse institutional and public clientele.

We shall interpret our collections for the general public, using them as the basis for exhibitions, publications, and public programs that advance an understanding of scientific and technological progress, the arts and the American experience.

We shall foster in our staff common goals of excellence, innovation and cooperation and ensure that all are highly trained, technologically sophisticated, and thoroughly committed to the Smithsonian's research, education and public outreach mandate.