The mission of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library is to provide quality library and information services to support the education, research and service programs of the School of Medicine, and to provide quality health information to the people of South Carolina. In support of this mission, the Library will undertake the following strategic initiatives during 2007-2008.

A. **Continue to build a digital library that is accessible to users from anywhere at anytime.**
   - Continue to aggressively expand Library’s e-journal, e-textbook and database collections based on faculty purchase recommendations.
   - Ensure that e-journal and e-book collections are providing strong support for the School of Medicine’s expanding research activities.
   - Engage in consortial purchasing of e-journals, e-books, and databases with University Libraries and other academic libraries in South Carolina whenever possible.
   - Offer a campus mail book delivery service for School of Medicine faculty for delivery of books from library book collection.
   - Implement PASCAL Delivers, a statewide academic library catalog with overnight delivery of material from other South Carolina academic libraries to requestors.
   - Explore technology solutions for improving access to electronic book collection.

B. **Provide educational services that are available at the time and place of need.**
   - Design and implement a web-based tutorial on library resources for M-I orientation.
   - Continue evidence-based medicine tutorial in M-II Introduction to Clinical Medicine course.
   - Convert selected library classes currently offered in-person to web-based tutorials.
   - Increase faculty awareness of Library resources and programs through the establishment of a departmental liaison program.
   - Develop a new class on Web 2.0 technologies (RSS, blogs, wikis, etc.).

C. **Maintain and expand partnerships, grants, and contracts.**
   - Lead development of library component of biomedical informatics section of regional CTSA grant.
   - Partner with Greenville Hospital System Library and USC administration on design of information commons in new GHS Research Education Innovation Institute building.
   - Partner with Medical University of South Carolina Library on SC Go Local project.
   - Collaborate with Columbia Free Clinic on Partnering to Improve Patient Education grant project.
   - Develop a library disaster preparedness plan with NEH funded grant.
   - Lead revitalization of GeriatricWeb project.
   - Continue partnership with Center for Disability Resources by maintaining and expanding the Center for Disability Resources Library contract.
   - Partner with Palmetto Health Richland on provision of remote access to the Library’s electronic information resources for residents on a contractual basis.

D. **Provide a Library atmosphere for students, faculty, and staff that is inviting, comfortable, and functional and encourages community and collaboration.**
   - Simplify copying and printing for users by implementing a single payment solution.
   - Redesign first floor space to create an information commons - a communal space with a coffee shop, workstations, soft seating, laptop-ready chairs and tables, flat screen televisions, and current journals reading area.
   - Assist Office of Medical Education and Academic Affairs with planning for Clinical Assessment Center on third floor of Library.