

MIT Future of Libraries Report



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MIT at a glance

MIT is committed to **generating, disseminating, and preserving knowledge**, and to working with others to bring this knowledge to bear on the world's great challenges

“Mens et manus”

Mind and hand – learning by doing, creating, experimentation

~11,000
total students

40%
undergraduate

60%
graduate

The MIT Future of Libraries report

What is the future of the research library in
a
fast-changing, digital world?

- Taskforce convened October 2015
- Multi-disciplinary group of 30 faculty and students
- Gathered feedback from MIT community and domain experts

The “Not Enough” Problem

- Not enough content is available online/ digitally
- Not enough people have access to what is available; too much of the scholarly record is locked behind for-profit publisher paywalls
- Not enough ways to use content (machine learning, text mining)

“For the MIT Libraries, the better world we seek is one in which there is **abundant, equitable, meaningful access to knowledge** and to the products of the full life cycle of research.”

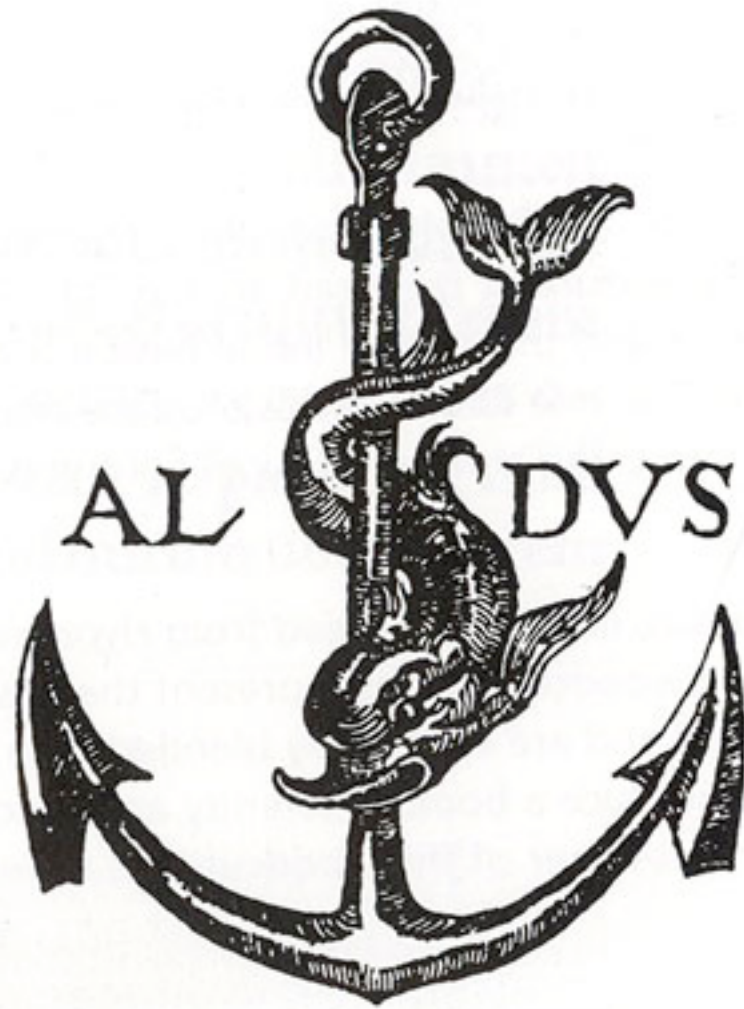
“. . . The MIT Libraries must operate as an **open, trusted, durable, interdisciplinary, interoperable content platform** that provides a foundation for the entire life cycle of information for collaborative global research and education. ”



“In this report, we describe a bold new vision for the library as an **open global platform** rooted in our shared values and mission.”

“To enhance the visibility and application of research outputs through a **global network of open access repositories** based on international collaboration and interoperability.”

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