Bibliographic Management Services (BMS) Vision Statement

As individuals and as a division, we are committed to providing exemplary service and delivering quality access to library resources through a unified online catalog in support of the library’s mission to add value to the university experience.

Bibliographic Management Services (BMS) Mission Statement

BMS works collaboratively with other divisions within the University of Montana Mansfield Library to acquire, describe, and provide access to a rich and varied collection of physical and digital library resources. Our overall mission is to create and manage the data that users interact with in the online catalog and through other discovery tools. To fulfill our purpose, BMS cultivates expertise in library description and access standards and establishes efficient workflows and guidelines to maximize effective use of staff time and resources. We use this cultivated knowledge and expertise to manage records acquired from many different sources and to create descriptions for one-of-a-kind local collections held by the library and produced through university scholarship. Our division is resourceful and actively develops skills to keep up with the fast pace of evolving user needs.

The dynamic nature of the information landscape perpetually changes how our library delivers materials and the users we reach through our services. We continue to serve the students, faculty and staff of the university, and we are connecting to an even larger audience of researchers via the growing digital collections that we play a key role in making accessible.

BMS adheres to a common core of values that create a positive work environment in which all are treated equally. These core values include honesty and integrity, respect and cooperation, efficiency, continual learning and innovation. We work hard to be conscientious in all that we do, creating a safe and clean workplace and taking care to safeguard and responsibly manage the resources entrusted to us. We value the strengths of our team members and strive to provide an environment where individual skills and talents can be fully utilized to contribute to the greater goals of the division.

As individuals and as a collective division, our efforts are driven by a commitment to quality and a desire to help others achieve their goals. In providing accurate information and timely access to materials, we help all users thrive, foster intellectual growth, and increase the value of a University education.