STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Meyricke Library is to support current students at Jesus College by providing:

1. space to study;
2. books and other collections to support that study;
3. advice on studying in this and other libraries.

To do this, and in line with the College's Strategic Plan, the Meyricke Library will:

1a. offer a variety of quiet, comfortable, and secure spaces for study
1b. enable all students, regardless of physical ability, to access the collection
1c. encourage considerate and respectful behaviour
1d. open 24 hours a day
1e. provide clear and unobtrusive signs

2a. provide recommended reading for current undergraduate courses
2b. provide selected graduate-level books at the discretion of the College Librarian
2c. provide a broad and diverse range of additional books
2d. buy books on request from tutors and consider suggestions from students
2e. buy books quickly
2f. buy multiple copies of standard textbooks
2g. withdraw outdated books and replace missing books
2h. encourage browsing with effective classification and tidy shelves
2i. offer generous lending limits with swift recalls to ensure fair access

3a. be a friendly and nonjudgemental source of advice
3b. communicate regularly with students
3c. offer induction sessions to all students
3d. buy books and offer advice on study skills
3e. help students interpret reading lists
3f. help students find and use electronic versions of books and articles
3g. help students identify and assess information for accuracy and relevance
3h. help students with ancillary skills such as referencing and copyright
3i. promote training sessions in information skills run by the Bodleian Libraries
3j. train staff to develop services to meet students' changing needs

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