The mission of the Oviatt Library at California State University, Northridge is to meet the information needs of our academic community; to provide effective, caring, and responsive service; to collaborate with faculty in the education of our students; to develop the information competence skills of our students; and to foster a love of reading and learning.

If our users had to purchase these resources and services, in FY 2006/07, they would have paid at least $31,977,586

The breakdown is as follows:

- 253,563 books were borrowed, which would have cost users $5,768,558
- 17,334 DVDs and videos were borrowed, which would have cost users $114,404
- 107,086 books were used in the Library, which would have cost users $43,905
- 18,142 magazines, journals, and newspapers were used in the Library, which would have cost users $487,725
- 41,724 uses of 18,700 pages in the e-reserves system, if photocopied, would have cost users $87,620
- 458,801 full-text articles were downloaded from just one of over 120 databases, which would have cost users $20,646,045
- 71,030 uses of just one of our electronic book services would have cost users $34,805
- 64,003 reference questions were answered at Library service points, which would have cost users $307,210
- 5,589 research consultations provided by librarians would have cost users $195,615
- 25,673 students attended library and information competence instruction sessions, which would have cost users $898,555
- 373,388 logins of Library workstations would have cost users $2,800,410
- 10,420 laptops were borrowed, which would have cost users $197,980
- 27,273 inter library borrowing and lending requests would have cost users $365,185
- 168 uses of the Library Presentation Room were made by non-library groups, which would have cost users $29,568