University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
Visual Resource Center  
Mission Statement (2013)

Visual resource materials and visual literacy are fundamental to 21st century learners and classroom instruction. Research confirms that image-based materials bring a contextual dimension to education by illustrating concepts, providing visual memory cues, and broadening instruction beyond its traditional boundaries.

The Visual Resource Collection (VRC) plays a central role in supporting these pedagogic objectives and ACRL Visual Literacy Standards by insuring that visual and multimedia resources are of the highest quality, and accessible for instruction and study. The Visual Resource Center has fulfilled this role by building and maintaining one of the largest digital repositories on campus and through its Visual Literacy instruction and support services for faculty and students.