

Reta King Library

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Library News

New Database Proposal & Survey

The King Library is evaluating a potential change to our journal database subscriptions for the upcoming fiscal year. Specifically, we are considering replacing the Sage Premier database with an expanded EBSCO Academic Search Ultimate package.

Sage Premier currently provides access to 1,061 journals and has averaged a cost of \$27.59 per use in 2025. Since 2022, usage of Sage Premier has declined by 45%. By consolidating our journal access within EBSCO and upgrading to the Ultimate package, the library would reduce overall database subscription costs by approximately \$5,500.

EBSCO Academic Search Ultimate would significantly expand access to scholarly content, offering approximately 7,133 additional journals beyond our current Academic Search Premier package. This represents more than 6,000 additional journals compared to our current Sage Premier subscription, at a lower overall cost.

The library values faculty input and encourages feedback as we consider these updates. Please feel free to share your thoughts, concerns, or resource needs with Paula DeMars at pdemars@csc.edu.

In addition, the library is conducting a **Library Services and Use Survey** this month. This brief survey will help us better understand how faculty use library resources in their teaching and how we can more effectively support faculty and students across campus and in online learning environments.

We appreciate your engagement and look forward to your feedback!



Updating our electronic resource services provides better opportunities to serve the research needs of students and faculty at CSC!



TLPEC Collection New Shelving

The TLPEC book collection has been languishing on short shelves in a darker corner of the 3rd floor of the library building.

The library staff are in the process of upgrading this area and have provided new tall shelves for the book collection.

Additionally, new comfortable chairs and lighting are planned for the area to inspire reading groups and meetings with colleagues in a relaxing atmosphere.



Collection Development

Weeding in Spring – As part of our ongoing collection development efforts, the library conducts regular weeding to ensure the collection remains current, relevant, and supportive of teaching and research.

Library staff and students are reviewing books in selected areas of the print collection. Currently under review are titles in the following categories:

- Natural Sciences & Mathematics (500s)
- Literature & Rhetoric (800s)
- Art – Painting, Photography (mid 700s)
- History (900s)

The library staff also contacts academic departments prior to the removal of titles. We hope to meet in person or via email to discuss important materials for your department's curriculum, and possible additions after weeding. Materials selected for withdrawal are typically recycled.

Faculty are encouraged to participate in this process. If you would like to review titles under consideration for removal or be involved in evaluating materials within these subject areas, please contact Paula DeMars.

Titles are evaluated using established collection development guidelines, including:

1. Publication date (generally within the last 20 years)
2. Circulation history (used within the last 10 years)
3. Inclusion in *Resources for College Libraries* as essential for undergraduate education
4. Designation as "commit to retain" within the bibliographic record

If you have questions or concerns about the weeding process or collection development at the **CSC Reta King Library**, please reach out to **Head Librarian Paula DeMars**.



New Library Meeting space and Lounge!

Room 107 has been redesigned as a meeting space and/or lounge for students and faculty.



Announcements across campus:

The library is sporting 4 new announcement TVs around the building. These provide announcements of library, student success, and other programming available to students.

Share your announcement in the library by contacting Chantel Merchen or Paula DeMars with your poster or information.