



# K-State 2025 Strategic Action and Alignment Plan

College or Major Unit: Libraries

Department: Content Development and Acquisitions (CDA)

1. What are your Department’s mission and vision and how does your organization contribute to achieving the University’s and your College’s/Major Unit’s vision for K-State 2025?  
 CDA acquires information resources in all formats and provides related services, in support of K-State’s and Libraries’ mission and vision.
2. What are your Department’s key strategic activities and outcomes?
3. Identify [in brackets] which of your Department’s strategic outcomes are directly linked to your College’s/Major Unit’s outcomes. (If your Department or similar unit is not in a College or Major Unit, skip this question.)

Key Activities	Short Term (2013 - 2015) Key Outcomes	Intermediate (2016 - 2020) Key Outcomes	Long Term (2021 - 2025) Key Outcomes
<i>What we plan to do...</i>	<i>What we expect to happen...</i>	<i>What we expect to happen...</i>	<i>What we expect to happen...</i>
<p><b>A. Expand the size and scope of the Libraries’ collection with each incremental increase to the collections budget.</b>  <b>Considerations include:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Newly established subject tracks and degrees on campus</li> <li>2) Current and emerging research directions in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities</li> <li>3) Land grant initiatives by colleges and departments</li> <li>4) A more diversified campus population with a mix of needs</li> <li>5) Multi- and inter-disciplinary campus trends</li> <li>6) Library-designated priority collections</li> </ol> <p>[L-1; L-2; L-3, L-ARL]</p>	<p><b>A.</b>            New resources are acquired balancing the six considerations, utilizing a planned increase of one million dollars to the collections budget in this time period. [L1-B]</p> <p>At least 15% of the new funds are spent on priority and other unique library collections. [L1-B]</p> <p>Partnering with UCS, 2-4 research and learning awards are offered annually to Kansas citizens to use library collections. [L3-B]</p>	<p><b>A.</b>            Additional new resources acquired, as incremental collection budget increases received. [L1-G]</p> <p>At least 25% of the new funds are spent on priority and other unique library collections. [L1-G]</p> <p>Partnering with UCS, 3-5 research and learning awards are offered annually to Kansas citizens to use library collections. [L3-E]</p>	<p><b>A.</b>            Continued acquisition of new resources takes place, in tandem with collection budget increases (40% increase planned between 2013 and 2025). [L1-L]</p> <p>Complete comprehensive collection building that matches or exceeds benchmarking. [L1-L]</p> <p>High-quality, relevant, and timely information resources available to campus population, supported by a range of assessment data and analyses. [L1-L]</p>

**B. Build the capability to demonstrate alignment of the collection with K-State campus needs and progress towards ARL membership.**

- 1) **Assessment tool and/or vendor services integrated into workflows**
  - 2) **Systematic collection and summarization of usage statistics**
  - 3) **Systematic review of user survey results**
- [L-1; L-2, L-ARL]

**C. Establish a comprehensive retention/location review workflow for the print and microform collections. [L-4]**

<p><b>B.</b> Collection assessment tool(s) and/or vendor services implemented. [L1-B] Collection benchmarking begins; used to inform collection size/budget and targeted subject improvements; standardized assessment metrics defined and built into workflows. [L1-B]</p> <p>Formal evaluation of Patron Driven Acquisitions Phase 2 completed. [L1-B]</p> <p>LibQual 2014 survey results used to gauge user experience with collections.</p>	<p><b>B.</b> Standardized and systematic metrics in place providing ability to show collection improvements (comparisons over time). [L1-G]</p> <p>Benchmarking shows progress over time towards alignment with campus needs and ARL membership criteria. [L1-G]</p> <p>User experience ratings improve 3% in LibQual 2017 survey results.</p>	<p><b>B.</b> Able to demonstrate full alignment of collection with campus needs and directions. [L1-L]</p> <p>Able to demonstrate collection contribution to achieving ARL membership numbers in bottom half of third quartile. [L1-M]</p> <p>User experience ratings improve 3% in LibQual 2020 and 2023 survey results.</p>
<p><b>C.</b> Working closely with M&amp;P, a plan is prepared and implemented for reviewing all print/microform holdings for retention and location decisions. [L4-A]</p>	<p><b>C.</b> Complete a print/microform collection review of Hale Library holdings by 2016, in order to reduce the physical footprint to make room for more user space and instructional activities. [L4-H, L4-J]</p>	

<p><b>D. Continuous assessment and improvement of user services (Collection Support, Interlibrary Services, new Annex services, and Linking Services).</b> [L-1; L-2]</p>	<p><b>D.</b> Continuous improvement of services coupled with ongoing development of useful and comparative metrics.</p> <p>LibQual survey results in 2014 used to assess and identify CDA service improvements.</p>	<p><b>D.</b> Standardized and systematic metrics in place providing capability to show service comparisons over time.</p> <p>User experience ratings improve 3% in LibQual 2017 survey results.</p>	<p><b>D.</b> Continuous improvement of services taking advantage of technological advancements.</p> <p>User experience ratings improve 3% in LibQual 2020 and 2023 survey results.</p>
<p><b>E. Increase staffing capacity and technological support. Take advantage of new technologies as available. Prepare for and participate in the migration to the next-generation library management system.</b> [L-5]</p>	<p><b>E.</b> Increase staffing capacity just ahead of need while taking full advantage of economies of scale and technological opportunities. Considering full life-cycle collection costs, currently anticipate needing a minimum of 1.5 new FTE for each million added to the Collections budget. Participate in migration to the next-generation integrated library system.</p>	<p><b>E.</b> Continue assessment and building of appropriate staffing and technological capacity to manage a growing collection coupled with related collection services.</p>	<p><b>E.</b> Continue assessment and building of appropriate staffing and technological capacity to manage a growing collection and related services.</p>

**4a. What resources and/or opportunities exist for your Department to achieve its vision and outcomes?**

1) Expect collections budget to expand by approximately 40% in next 12 years; 2) A new Content Development Librarian for the Sciences will be added this year; 3) The current organizational structure promotes helpful synergy between the various units of CDA; 4) Will examine and strive for improved operational efficiencies due to economies of scale. 5) Library culture encourages consultation and partnerships within and outside the Libraries.

**4b. What resources and/or opportunities are needed for your Department to achieve its vision and outcomes?**

1) Additional staffing over time will be required as size of collection and related services increase, unless there is a clear and decisive improvement in software functionality (ILS and ERM systems, reporting capabilities, etc.); 2) In consideration of full life-cycle costs, currently anticipate needing 1.5 new FTE for each additional million added to the Collections budget; 3) On demand consultation services helpful from time to time to supplement lack of local expertise or software deficiencies; 4) Additional professional development funds in order to build staff expertise and analysis/review of peer collections.

**5. How do you propose to acquire the resources needed for your Department to accomplish its vision and outcomes?**

1) Will work closely with Library Administration and Strategic Library Council to identify appropriate CDA staffing levels given incremental increases to collection budget; 2) Will gladly initiate and participate in grant writing efforts.

**6. How does your plan link to the K-State 2025 University Benchmark Metrics, Common Elements, and Thematic Goals, Outcomes, and Metrics? (See below)**

**6. Departmental Links to K-State 2025 University Benchmark Metrics, Common Elements, and Thematic Goals, Outcomes, and Metrics**

Links to Benchmark Metrics
B-1 - Total research and development expenditures

Links to Common Elements
CE-2 - Culture CE-3 - Diversity CE-4 - External Constituents CE-6 - International CE-7 - Sustainability

Links to University Thematic Goals, Outcomes, and Metrics			
Links to 2025 Thematic Goals and Metrics	Links to Short Term Outcomes (2011 – 2015)	Links to Intermediate Outcomes (2016 – 2020)	Links to Long Term Outcomes (2021 – 2025)
<b>T1 - Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities, and Discovery (RSCAD)</b>	T1-A - Increased intellectual and financial capital to support RSCAD  T1-H - Enhanced visibility and appreciation for research, discovery, and scholarly and creative activities	T1-I - Intellectual and financial capital in place for expanded RSCAD efforts	T1-P - Research and development expenditures competitive with benchmark institutions
<b>T2 - Undergraduate Educational Experience (UEE)</b>	T2-C - Increased participation by undergraduates in expanded opportunities for meaningful research		