



ROOM TO grow: K-STATE LIBRARIES ANNEX

Since 2007, more than 330,000 low-use K-State Libraries materials have been stored in the Kansas Regents Library Annex, a high-density storage facility in Lawrence.

The arrangement had obvious drawbacks.

But now, K-State Libraries has room to grow.

The K-State Libraries Annex opened near the Manhattan Regional Airport in late 2014. The new building features 2,200 square feet of office and processing space, plus 20,000 square feet of climate-controlled storage that can hold an estimated 1.1 million volumes.

However, unlike most library environments, the volumes are organized by size rather than subject. Each item is barcoded, placed on a pallet and shelved on 13-foot-high units. The staff uses an automated retrieval system to identify each item's location. The unique organization further maximizes the annex space and unlocks new possibilities for all of K-State Libraries' locations.

“THE NEW ANNEX ALLOWS US TO ADAPT TO STUDENT NEEDS FOR SPACE WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE SIZE OF OUR RESEARCH COLLECTION.”

- DEAN LORI GOETSCH