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When most students and researchers log into a database and begin their research, they typically search by keyword, subject, author or possibly a specific journal title. But now, a new grant-funded project will help create the capability for researchers to search for articles by location or environment.

K-State Libraries academic services librarian Livia Olsen, in partnership with the University of Idaho, was awarded nearly $100,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, to create the Croplands Research Database to include many other disciplines. It basically makes searching for relevant research much easier. Olsen added, “The focus is on the ecological literature, location is important to many other disciplines. It basically makes searching for relevant research much easier.”

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s libraries and museums. It advances, supports and empowers America’s learning organizations through grant making, research and policy development. Its vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities.

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The Libraries collections steadily return to Hale Library

Throughout 2020, semi-trucks delivered boxes of the cleaned materials to Executive Court, a temporary off-campus location which served as a staging facility. Libraries staff used the collection review decisions to inventory the books before Belfor staff put them in order. The call numbers of each book were then carefully read to double check they were in perfect order. The books were re-packed, delivered to Hale Library, put on the shelves and then checked one last time to make sure they were in the correct order.

Staff and Belfor crew members started reshelving materials in the summer of 2020. Currently, more than 300,000 print items in the general collection from call numbers A through PN are back in Hale Library, completely filling four stack levels. Additionally, the music and art print collections are shelved on the third floor. The juvenile literature and curriculum materials collections are also now housed in the Virginia Carlson Family Reading Room on the first floor.

Wendy A. Matlock, associate professor of English, said that having access to books and materials again is an important part of supporting her research.

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Remaining items to be filled include the rest of the main print collection and multimedia such as DVDs, CDs and microfilm. Turvey-Welch said that even though they are hoping to have the entire collection back in Hale Library by early fall of this year, staff are encouraging patrons to come check out the books that are already on the shelves.

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