

# The Long and Winding Road to Building an Electronic Reference Collection

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# Planning the Trip

- In 2008, major review of reference collections in Watson and Anschutz Libraries
- Reduced physical collection by 50%
- Focused, updated, relevant collection
- Opened up more space for users
- Improved accessibility by increasing electronic reference titles --- 24/7 access





# Planning the Trip

- LibGuides --- better to link to actual title, rather than a catalog record or list of books
- Recent push for distance education (KU Center for Online and Distance Education)
- Reference material is good to have when you are at home and need to look something up
- E-mail & IM Reference



# The Starting Line

- Subscriptions to aggregated reference collections
  - *Examples: CREDO Reference, Oxford Reference Online, Gale Virtual Reference Library*



**CREDO** *reference*  
Smart Research Starts Here





# The Starting Line

## *The Chicago Manual of Style Online*

- Subscription reference titles, not sold as books
  - *Chicago Manual of Style*
- Package subscription multiple reference titles
  - *Europa World Plus, PsychiatryOnline*

**EUROPA WORLD PLUS**





# Starting the Journey

- New collection development policy
  - “an electronic preferred policy for the reference collections. When a book is available electronically and in print, the electronic copy is generally purchased.”
  - Assist subject bibliographers with purchases
  - Augmented approval plan
    - Moved YBP profiled reference titles to all slip plan
      - More selective acquisition
      - HUGE \$avings
      - Increased control over format



# Road Blocks & Detours

- Acquisitions
  - Irregularities of electronic reference titles
    - Packaged in many different ways
      - Subscription, individual titles, publisher aggregator, reference e-book aggregator, e-book aggregator



Title: ENCYCLOPEDIA OF U.S. INDIAN POLICY AND LAW.

Publisher: CQ PRESS

Pub Year: 2009

ISBN: [9781604265767](#)

Binding: eBook

Country Of Origin: US

YBP Select: Basic-Recommended

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YBP Interdisciplinary Topics: Historical; Legal; Public Policy; Native American Studies

Reference Type: Encyclopedia

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Binding: Cloth

Place of Publication: WASHINGTON

Country Of Origin: US

Pagination: 932 P.

Volumes: 2

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# Road Blocks & Detours

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      - Subscription, individual titles, publisher aggregator, reference e-book aggregator, e-book aggregator
  - Understanding acquisitions workflow

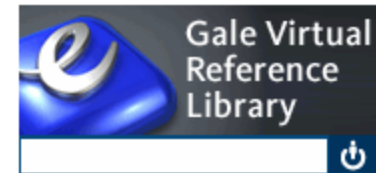




# Making a Legend

- Purchasing Priorities
  - Aggregate collections
    - Widgets
    - Fewer places to look
    - Easier to purchase
  - Ebrary
    - Multiple users
    - Licensing
  - Standing order
- Tracking purchases

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CREDO *reference*

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# Record with 655 added

## Full Record

*Cambridge dictionary of sociology general editor, Bryan S. Turner.*

**Database:** University of Kansas Libraries

**Title:** Cambridge dictionary of sociology [electronic resource] / general editor, Bryan S. Turner.

**Portion of Title:** Dictionary of sociology

**Linked Resources:** [Connect to electronic text. – \(Source: Credo reference\)](#)

**Other Entries:** Turner, Bryan S.

**Subject(s):** [Sociology—Dictionaries.](#)

**Genre Headings:** [Electronic reference works.](#)

[Electronic books](#)

**Publisher:** Cambridge [England] ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2006.

**Format:** Book

**Description:** xx, 688 p.

**Summary:** Examines both American and European traditions and approaches to sociology. Entries cover schools, theories, theorists and debates, with substantial articles on all key topics in the field. While recognising the richness of historical sociological traditions, the Dictionary also looks forward to new and evolving influences such as cultural change, genetics, globalization, information technologies, new wars and terrorism.

**General Notes:** Title supplied by vendor.

Includes graphical cross-reference mapper.

**Availability:** Licensed for all KU students, faculty, and staff connecting to the Internet.

**KU Bib ID:** 6705723

**System Numbers:** (CtWfDGI)xrc00000474

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# Proceed with Caution...

- Solution
  - Catalog tab
    - “Electronic Reference Works”
  - Focusing on four publishers
    - Credo, Oxford, Sage, Gale
  - Getting titles not from those publishers in Ebrary
    - Large e-book collection





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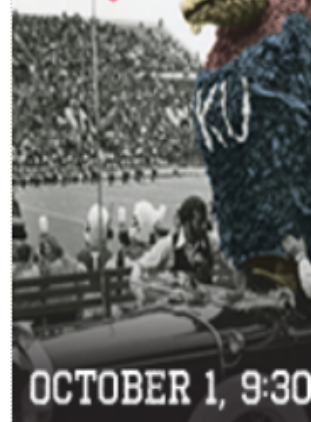
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# Are we there yet?

- Increased choices=collection development confusion
- Discovery & use remain a problem
  - Staff
  - Patrons





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