



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

LIBRARY SERVICES

Physical Collection Reduction Project

Library Services is carefully and systematically reducing its physical collection to create additional student learning spaces and to address upcoming changes to the campus landscape (Armstrong Hall replacement).

We continue to acquire new print and electronic materials to maintain relevant, responsive, and accessible collections. Students, faculty, staff and the community will continue to have access to resources that support the curriculum and research needs of the University. Our accelerated reduction plan follows appropriate professional protocols and meets Library & Learning and University goals.

Update – April 2024

Library Services has finished the first year of the Library Services Physical Collection Reduction Plan.

We have completed the review of about one-third of the General Collection. Thank you to all the academic departments that have participated to date.

The review calendar for AY2025 is [now available on the Library website](#).

Additional projects are underway to reduce other parts of the library's physical collections. Specifically, in the Reference, Print Periodicals and Government Documents collections. These reductions will begin over the summer and continue through AY2025. The reductions are being made to support the larger goals of the Library Services Physical Reduction Plan and are in response to increased usage and demand for electronic content and decreased usage of physical materials. Among other benefits, online materials improve access for remote users, allow for multiple users, enable course integration of library resources, and more.



Library Services will provide regular updates about the project via the project website and The Fountain.

Questions about the project can be sent to:
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