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## SUMMER IS HERE. SO LET'S WEED THE LIBRARY'S REFERENCE COLLECTION!!

Weeding the Myers Library reference collection has been long overdue. This summer, time has been spent, with help from each Academic Department, to weed sections of the library's reference collection, since books in the collection have not been weeded for at least 15 years, although surprisingly enough, I found books in the collection that hailed from the early 20th century.

Weeding the reference collection is very much like weeding a patch in the garden. When you weed your garden, you want to make sure that you have pulled out all the plants that are choking up all your most beautiful plants and flowers; and

that way, you have a prized garden. Similarly, it is good to get rid of old and antiquated reference books, especially when they are not being used by students or by faculty, or when they

than the oldest copies of our reference books would be used.

Once books have been weeded, they are loaded onto the library's book elevator and sent to down to technical services, where the books are then removed from the library catalog. Books that are too old to sell at on-going library book sale, are boxed and sent out with the old newspapers to be recycled.



MYERS LIBRARY DISPLAY AND REFERENCE AREA

need to be replaced by newer books or in our case, good online reference resources that would be used a great deal more

The Hard-copy Reference books that remain in the collection are collaborative choice of college librarians and teaching faculty at the Campus; and are sure to be utilized by Campus students and faculty, in their academic pursuits.

## NEW RESOURCES: THE CREDO REFERENCE DATABASE

The Oxford Reference Online Database in Myers Library Online has been replaced by a new e-resource this Fall. The Credo Reference database is the library's newest acquisition, and library users can access this database through the Myers Library Online Database Page in the Portal. This resource contains more than 400

new reference titles, with e-additions being made monthly. This reference tool allows users to access a variety of e-biographies, encyclopedias and dictionaries on a wealth of subjects from well-known academic publishers of the ilk of ABC-Clio, Greenwood, Macmillan, and Sage, .

Credo Reference has two

useful features that can be utilized for reference research, that was not been available before through Oxford Reference Online, and these are: Image Search and Concept Search. Image search provides users with e-videos which can be searched in the Credo Reference Database, while Concept Search

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provides users with the opportunity to search a topic by expanding it into related topics; and then expand, minimize or zoom into each node, move and then link levels until they are at the article level. This resource also comes with Gadgets that allow users to look up information by image, person, definition and conversations of area, speed, distance, weight and fuel consumption etc. can also be made as needed during a search.



## Myers Library Reference before the weeding...

### FREE OPEN SOURCE ONLINE LIBRARIES ON THE WEB

<http://www.readprint.com/>  
<http://wikibooks.org>  
[http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page)  
<http://books.google.com/>  
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/lists.html>  
<http://www.classicbookshelf.com/>  
<http://librivox.org/>  
<http://www.e-book.com.au/freebooks.htm>

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### LIBRARY PROJECTS and CE ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER

Summer is usually the time of the year when we do lots of different projects in the library and also spend time participating in continuing education activities. This summer is no exception. Time is being spent this summer on numbering, describing and entering a small part of the Beatrice Holt Collection that has thus far been housed in the Chapel, into the Past Perfect Archives Catalog. We also have a project being undertaken to document the whereabouts of the paintings belonging to the College, that are housed in

Various buildings on campus; and to describe them, and at the same time compare information with lists that were made in previous years of this collection and also take digital photos of each painting so that records can be added to Past Perfect in the future.

Myers Library's librarians will also spend time during the Summer, learning more about new technologies, online learning and the library science field, as they will be attending the yearly technology conference SIDLIT, which is held in the Kansas City area, the College and University Libraries Executive Meetings at Butler Community College and Fort Hays University and the National Meeting, the American Library Association's National Annual Conference which will be held in Chicago, Illinois this July.

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