



About the Virtual Library:

Under the direction of the Council of Library Directors and the Academic Technology Services team, the California State University (CSU) is developing the next stage of a shared virtual library collection and suite of services, available 24/7, to all CSU students, faculty, and staff.

Vision of the Virtual Library

CSU stands upon the principle that all students, faculty, and staff at all CSU campuses should have access to high quality scholarly resources that meet their instructional, research, scholarship, and/or creative activity needs. The CSU Council of Library Directors (COLD) has been a leader in providing an Electronic Core Collection (ECC) and discovery services to the CSU community for a number of years. The shared collection and services for all CSU campuses are the cornerstones for the Virtual Library. COLD is now planning the next stage of the

shared library collections and services that will bring significantly greater online access to every member of the CSU on every campus, large or small, urban or rural.

The intent of the CSU Virtual Library is to

- Unify CSU's electronic resources and services
- Develop new resources and services through our collective information expertise and purchasing power.

Benefits of the Virtual Library:

- Provides access to faculty and students to all resources regardless of their location
- Improves access to resources for research and education to libraries whose collections are broad and deep (PhD and EdD programs)
- Attracts and retains faculty by providing extensive scholarly resources to support their research and inform their teaching
- Improves student learning through exposure of a wider world of knowledge through robust library resources
- Prepares students for a workplace that is information intense. CSU students will have fine-tuned their information literacy skills by searching through extensive knowledge resources
- Improves economies of scale by combined purchasing power for all 23 CSU campuses for digital content

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