TREXLER LIBRARY WEEDING POLICY

Trexler Library would like to thank the DeSales community for its patience as we are in a transitional phase of reorganizing our book collection. We are committed to providing the most current, relevant, and useful information to our students, faculty, and staff. In order to ensure our print materials fit those criteria, Trexler Library staff is hard at working individually reviewing each title in our collection. Part of this process involves making space available for new materials and for future improvements to study spaces and academic resources. This requires us to remove some outdated, underused books and donate them to book charities.

Since we are reviewing our collection book by book, we are slowly creating sections of empty shelving. These empty spaces will be filled or reorganized once the collection has been completely reviewed. This process will likely take some time, so we are very grateful for your understanding as we work to ensure we are providing the best resources for our campus.

To assist with this review, we joined the Eastern Academic Scholars’ Trust (EAST), a consortium of libraries dedicated to ensuring valuable print materials are not lost. Each library in EAST is required to retain specific materials so that books and journals with scholarly value remain accessible to all libraries in EAST and their patrons. As a member of EAST, we are able to access the web application GreenGlass from OCLC’s Sustainable Collection Services at no charge for three years. This normally expensive program analyzes the usage of our books and provides us with data on how many libraries in the country hold each title. This information assists us in making informed decisions about keeping or removing material from our collection. Our three-year timetable with GreenGlass keeps us on track to finish this project in a timely manner.