Three general encyclopedia sets will be maintained in print format in the Reference Collection and the general stacks of the Library:

- Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Encyclopedia Americana
- World Book Encyclopedia

The **latest edition only** of these three encyclopedias will be maintained in the Reference Collection. Only the **next previous edition** will be maintained in the stacks. All older editions will be withdrawn, with the exception of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. **All** older editions of the *Britannica* will remain in the stacks.

New editions will be purchased on a rotating basis. At least one encyclopedia published in the last 1-2 years should be available at all times, with the others being replaced at 2-3 year intervals.

The Library currently has access to two electronic encyclopedias as well. Online access to the *World Book Encyclopedia* is being provided by the State Library of Kansas KANFIND Online Database Service. Online access to the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* is being purchased by the WSU Libraries.

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