

Getting a KIC at the Veterinary Medical Library

New technology is changing the way students look at books ... and in a way that is very green.

Last spring, the Veterinary Medical Library installed a new piece of equipment: the KIC II scanner that scans printed material directly into a digital format that can be printed, e-mailed or saved on a portable USB storage device.

“We purchased our scanners three years ago when we lost our copy center,”

said Roberta Johnson, senior director for administrative and IT services, K-State Libraries. “Students were coming in to photocopy material from books and journals, paying 10 cents per page. Then they would digitally scan those pages to convert the pages into an electronic form. We found a way to solve this problem and provide a service for free.”

Johnson said the Student Governing Association bought one of Hale Library’s new scanners and the library purchased two more on its own. “In each of successive years since we added our scanners at Hale Library, we have placed a new one at the K-State-Salina campus, one in the architecture library, and one at the College of Veterinary Medicine.”

Gayle Willard, director of the Veterinary Medical Library, said,

“Before we had the KIC scanner, we had to send journal volumes to Hale and they were returned — lots of things going back and forth. This new ‘arrangement’ makes having the scanner a win-win-win.”

The student response in the Veterinary Medical Library has been enthusiastic.

“I find using the scanner to be very convenient,” said Taylor Green, class of 2012. “I can pull a journal from the shelves, scan the article and put the book back. I don’t have to check the journals out anymore.”

A.J. Tarpoff, class of 2012, said, “I like that I can e-mail the article to myself. That gives me the option to have the article in two formats: one electronically on my computer, and then I can print it out later if I want to.”

Willard encourages other veterinary students to use the new KIC scanner. She said staff members can assist anyone who has questions or needs help.



Lauren Nutter, a student worker at the Veterinary Medical Library, adjusts settings on the KIC scanner.