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Hi Everyone,

In 2002, in response to the how KCLS patrons were beginning to interact with information, the Library System developed a strategy for managing collections. Since that time the pace and scale of disruption in the information technology marketplace has radically altered the ways in which people access and use information. Smartphones and tablets combined with streaming and download services have resulted in the changing face of the book, music, and film industries. Netflix, Amazon, Pandora, and other services have meant a shift in the way our communities think and use our libraries. To be better prepared for the future we need to develop a new collection strategy that supports the needs of our communities, as well as one that is nimble and responsive to changing information technologies.

To be better prepared for the future, a team of KCLS staff from across the Library System has developed a new collection strategy that supports the needs of our communities, as well as be one that is nimble and responsive to changing information technologies. The roadmap attached above was created after reviewing information and statistics about KCLS' collections, examining strategies of other library systems, and conducting a literature review about current trends and external influences. The Collections Strategy Project Team also gathered input from staff across the Library System about what's happening now, what might happen in the future and what should happen. CMS staff working with other departments will set priorities, develop work plans, implement, measure results and adjust tactics based on evaluation.

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