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Century College Selected to House Fire/ EMS/Safety Center Library

Century College is now the home of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' Fire/EMS/ Safety Center Library.

The nationally-known collection, which has been growing since its inception in 1969, includes about 20,000 individual pieces, including 4,000 books and 65 periodical subscriptions. About 12,000 electronic books also are part of the collection.

Century was selected to house the collection because of its [state-of-the art library](#) and its staff of librarians and support personnel who are needed to organize, store, lend and maintain the collection. In addition, Century offers programs and courses in EMS, fire, law enforcement and criminal justice. The college offers the only public safety interdisciplinary degree in the MnSCU system.

The move to Century from the MnSCU offices in Wells Fargo Place, downtown St. Paul, occurred on March 18. Century library staff members have been busy shelving the items on the compact shelving behind the circulation desk and working out the details of managing the collection. In addition to books, the collection includes journals, newsletters, technical reports, codes and standards, annual reports, procedures manuals, legislation, curriculum packages, pamphlets, statistical sources and audiovisual materials. Individuals who borrow these materials include firefighters throughout the United States, students taking public safety courses, MnSCU faculty and Fire/EMS/Safety Center staff. All resources are available worldwide through Interlibrary Loan.

“This is an excellent collection that will be an asset to our public safety programs and courses,” said Century College Dean James Gross.

Randi Madisen, Century’s electronic resources librarian, noted that individuals who wish to search the collection can do so online by going to the [Century College library page](#) and then searching the catalog for Fire/EMS/Safety. Patrons seeking help in searching this collection may contact the Century Library Reference Desk at 651.747.4004.

The Century library is open to the public. Library cards can be issued to Minnesota residents for a \$1 fee.



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