CC Libraries
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Creative Cloud Libraries keep design elements together—ensuring project consistency for designers and teams.

Getting started

Simply begin in the Libraries panel to create a new CC Library in most Adobe applications. Here you start in Adobe Illustrator.

1. Select **Window** > **Libraries.**

2. Select **Create New Library** in the Libraries panel menu. Name your Library and select **Create**.

Add design assets to a Library

1. CC Libraries use design elements from Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, XD, and even Microsoft Word. Mobile apps such as Adobe Capture or assets from Adobe Stock allow you to capture content for later use.

2. Start by selecting some artwork from your document. Next select **Add elements** [+] and choose **Graphic** to put the Discovery Days logo in a Library.
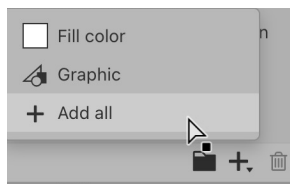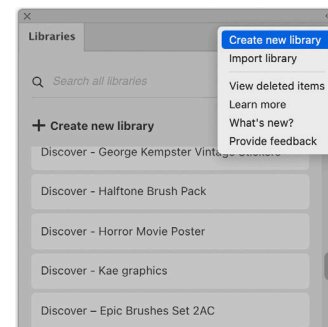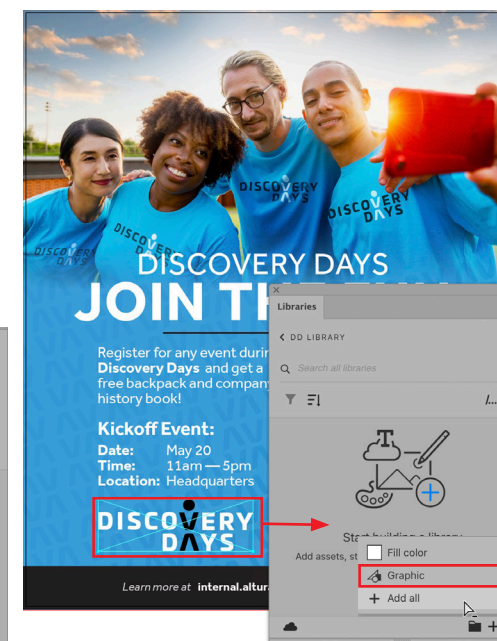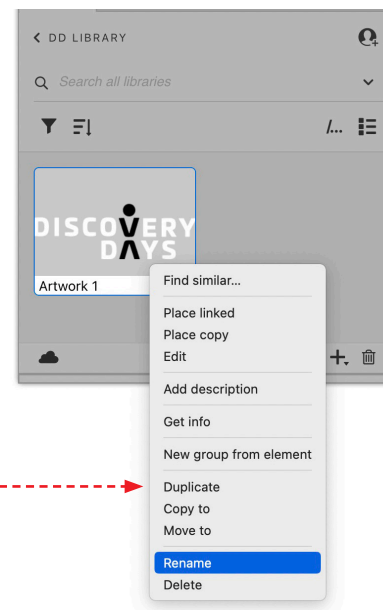
3. Right-click to rename the asset or choose another function from the drop-down list.

HOT TIP: Just drag and drop artwork from Illustrator into a Library, but using **Add elements** (+) lets you choose to add separate (Fill color, Graphic) or all artwork properties.

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HOT TIP: CMYK, RGB, or spot colors are added to the Library based on the color space of the document they come from.
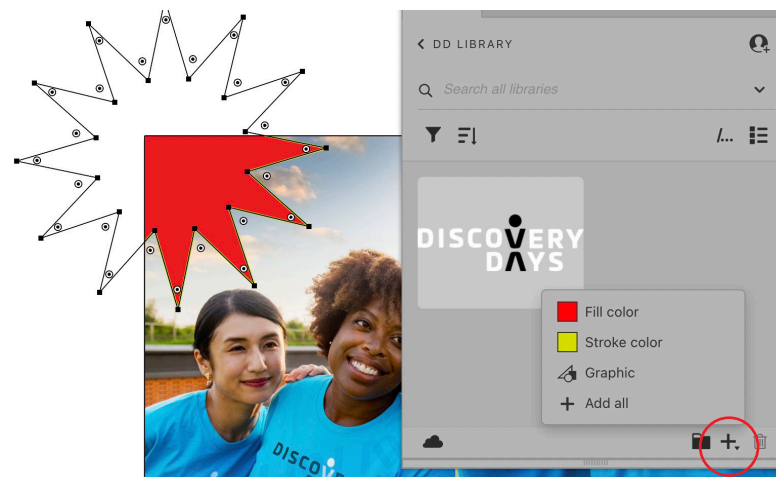
Choosing **Add description** when adding a color is helpful for providing a note to a collaborator about when or where a color is used.

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Add description

#ED1C24

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Mike, use this red to fill corner burst graphic. Thanks.

Cancel   OK

Add and create color swatches

CC Libraries simplify maintaining color consistency across projects and team members.
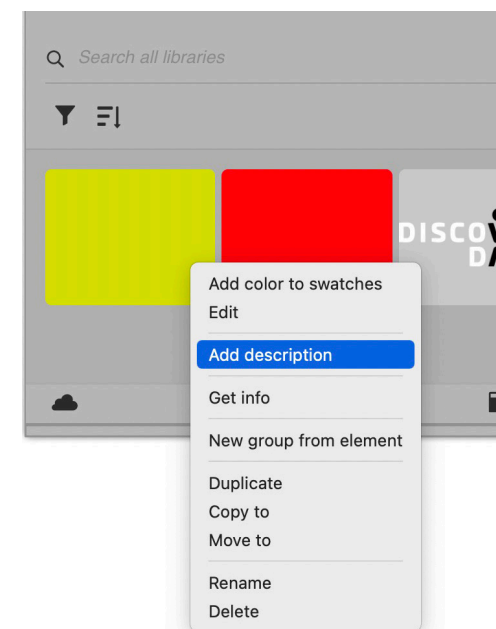
1. In Illustrator, select an object with a color fill or stroke and then select **Add Elements** [+]. Select **Fill Color** or **Stroke Color** to add attributes to the Library. This example shows both attributes.

2. Right-click on an added Library item to invoke a context menu of useful options that include adding the color to your Swatches panel, editing the color, adding a detailed description (like RGB, CMYK, spot, or HEX values), and more.

Add text styles and Extract from Image

Implementing text styles is equally important to maintaining brand consistency. Using paragraph and character styles in layouts increases productivity and efficiency. Libraries support both paragraph and character styles in InDesign and Illustrator, while Photoshop and XD only support character styles.

1. Highlight some text in the Illustrator document, and then select **Add Elements** [+]. Select Character Style or Paragraph Style to add the text style to the Library.

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Search all libraries

DISCOVERY DAYS

Fill color
Stroke color
Graphic
+ Add all

Search all libraries

DISCO

Add color to swatches
Edit
Add description
Get info
New group from element
Duplicate
Copy to
Move to
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Delete

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2. Select **Add all** to include multiple elements in a Library like text fill color, the formatted text itself, or applied paragraph or character styles.

3. Use **Add elements** [+] to extract and save images to your Library.

4. When you extract a graphic that includes a Color Theme, the Color Modes drop-down exposes additional color combinations. Selecting Color Moods exposes a drop-down list of additional color combinations defined as Colorful, Bright, Muted, Deep, or Dark.

HOT TIP: Adding further to the power of CC Libaries, designers can invite other internal or external Creative Cloud users to collaborate on individual Libraries.

Collaborators are given either **Can Edit** or **Can View** permission. Users with **Can Edit** permission are allowed to use, modify, rename, move, and delete Library content.

Collaborators with **Can View** permission allows recipients to view and use assets, but only on a read-only basis.