

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

**CLASSIFICATION: P, PE, PM-PN, PR, PS, PZ
(ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)**

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General Purpose: Support undergraduate teaching and research. Core curriculum: Three core curriculum courses in English. English major and English literature or speech options are required for Humanities Majors. Support some faculty research done for course development, PhD degrees, and/or publication. Some recreational reading, especially fiction, is supported.

Collection Level Intensity: Basic Information, General Support, and Introductory Research.

Geographical Areas: Great Britain, United States, and all other English-speaking countries.

Chronological Periods: No limits.

Types of Material Collected: Dictionaries, encyclopedias, bibliographies, monographs, serials, some dissertations, some textbooks, CD's, CD-ROM's, online resources, indexes, abstracts, directories, handbooks, guidebooks. English language works only.

Types of Material Excluded: Videos, manuscripts.

Other Factors: Term papers for English 110/111 can be on any topic; papers and speeches for English 211 deal with controversial social issues. Books on technical writing for English 330 are often classified in the "T" area. Drama books support the Bluebards. All departments and staff agencies are likely to use the dictionaries and quotation books. Related disciplines include philosophy, religion, psychology, history, social sciences, music, art, and some of the sciences.

Subjects and Collecting Levels:

- For linguistics: Basic reference information.
- For ESL, composition, public speaking, mass media: General support of a working collection of dictionaries, encyclopedias, bibliographies, representative journals, monographs (authors and criticism), major abstracts and indexes. Major poetry and drama anthologies and indexes are purchased. (For literature of other countries, see collection development policy for Foreign Languages.)
- Advanced English courses include literary genre, literary periods, Literature of War, American literature, British literature, science fiction, and film studies: Introductory research level collection of monographs (fiction, criticism, and biography) and bibliographies.
- Fiction: We refer patrons to the Community Center Library for recent popular fiction if we don't own it. Novels purchased are those with good critical reviews and military or science fiction novels with at least moderately good reviews.

Weeding Criteria: Age and use are not always accurate guides for weeding literature books. Textbooks, anthologies, and some critical works (especially superseded editions) can be weeded by date and usage. Books listed in Books for College Libraries or Essay and General Literature Index are retained. The fiction collection (now in PZ) is being screened against circulation records and other basic indexes or bibliographies: Short Story Index, Fiction Catalog, and guides to historical, crime, westerns, or science fiction. Military fiction is retained. The fiction that is retained will be reclassified into PR, PS, or one of the classifications for foreign literature.

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