

Academic Services

Library Collection Development Policy

1. Principles

- a) The library operates a digital-first collections policy across all campuses
- b) Evidence-based decisions underpin collection management
- c) Resource acquisition and retention reflects academic significance, currency, anticipated and actual levels of use and value for money
- d) Facilitating maximised discovery of resources is fundamental and extends beyond purchases and subscriptions into open access materials
- e) No library can provide all the scholarly information its own users require
- f) Space utilisation is optimised as print stock is managed down and demand for all types of reader spaces becomes acute

2. Finance

- a) The university is necessarily moving to centralised library budgets as quickly as possible to reflect the multidisciplinary nature of online resources and packages
- b) A stakeholder governance group influences how the budget is spent, in the context of the university's research and education strategies

3. Print Collection management

- a) Criteria for disposal
 1. Items replaced by electronic resources,
 2. Books, print journals and other physical items that are no longer relevant to the current teaching and research needs of the university based on frequency of use, age, and number of copies
 3. Copies of superseded print texts. Items with an obvious academic value will be relegated to store
- b) Donations must add value to the teaching and/or research needs of the university. The library will dispose of any unwanted donations as it sees fit.