Collection Development Policy for English

The collection development policy for English guides the development and management of the library’s English materials collection. This policy is for the use of the English subject liaison and the library’s users. The policy will be updated as needed. Faculty and students are encouraged to provide recommendations for library materials.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

The English collection supports the educational needs of teaching faculty and students at the college. The primary purpose of the collection is to support the curricula in English, which includes courses in recording technology, video game studies, digital post production, audio engineering, recording technology, and film production.

The Entertainment Technology collection is housed in the Magnolia Library and is incorporated into the circulating, reference, and periodical collections. The collection primarily reflects the interests of the Entertainment Technology department in providing thorough introductory coursework in Entertainment Technology.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

1. Readership level: advanced high school, undergraduate
2. Languages collected (primary and selective) or excluded: English
3. Geographical areas covered by the collections in terms of intellectual content, publication sources, or both, and specific areas excluded, as appropriate: collection focuses primarily on Western (US, Europe) according to current course offerings; collection has holdings in non-Western literature at the request of faculty
4. Chronological periods covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate: The primary purpose of the collection is to support coursework and student research.
5. Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates: All chronological areas are included.

GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

The subject scope of this collection is determined by the Library of Congress classifications:

PE English language
TYPES OF MATERIALS

Books

Books, periodicals, and reference works, including encyclopedias, biographical and subject-specific dictionaries, handbooks, almanacs, and criticisms.

Serials/Series

Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines

Reference Materials

Up-to-date English-language encyclopedias, dictionaries, biographical encyclopedias, bibliographies, catalogs, research guides, and criticism

Electronic Resources

Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, full text, and image resources in English primarily to support the college’s curriculum

Videos/DVDs

Acquisition is primarily curriculum-based as requested by faculty to support instruction. Some videos of wide interest (such as PBS programs) purchased to enhance general entertainment technology collection. Preferred medium is now DVD (if available) over videocassette.

Exclusions

Textbooks