Collection Development Policy for Science Technology
(including Agriculture and Environmental Science)

The collection development policy for Science Technology guides the development and management of the library’s Science Technology materials collection. This policy is for the use of the Science Technology 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 Science Technology 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 Science Technology, which include introduction to science technology, environmental science, mapping and geographic information systems, surveying, engineering graphics and agriculture.

The Science 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 Science Technology department in providing thorough introductory coursework in Science 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: No area of the world is excluded from consideration.

4. Chronological periods covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate: All chronological areas are included.

5. Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates: The collection emphasizes current material, with the primary purpose of supporting coursework and student research.

GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

The subject scope of this collection is determined by the Library of Congress classifications:
RELATED SUBJECTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

The following topics fall within the purview of the following subject selectors:

Environmental Sciences: The Science Technology subject liaison has primary responsibility for selecting materials relating to Environmental Sciences coursework, although the Biology subject liaison will supplement this collection.

Technology: The Technology subject liaison has primary responsibility for selecting materials relating to Technology, although the Science Technology subject liaison will supplement this collection.

TYPES OF MATERIALS

Books

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

Serials/Series

Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines in Science Technology.

Reference Materials

Up-to-date English-language encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, catalogs, iconography sources, and research guides.

Electronic Resources

Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, full text, and primary resources in Science Technology 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 the general Science Technology collection. Preferred medium is now DVD (if available) over videocassette.
Exclusions

Textbooks, foreign-language dissertations, single or discrete issues of periodicals, vanity press publications, microforms, microfilm, and 16mm or 35mm films.