

Iowa State University Library
Collection Development Policies
Library Science

I. General Purpose

To provide resources to support research and teaching of library faculty as well as support further investigation into the broad aspects of library science relating to school, public, academic, and special librarianship.

II. History

The ISU Library was established in 1870 and was housed in Old Main until 1896 when it moved to Morrill Hall. In 1913 it moved to Beardshear Hall, and then in 1925 the new library building was completed. Three additions have been constructed to expand the original facility, in 1961, 1969, and 1982.

III. Iowa State University Program

Iowa State University has no specific curriculum for library science, but library faculty are expected to conduct research in the area of library science.

IV. Subject Boundaries

All questions relating to public and technical services functions as well as collection development and administration, especially in academic libraries receive attention. Materials are also purchased that support research and instruction in public and special libraries. More limited acquisitions support school libraries.

General Collection Guidelines

A. Linguistic.

English is the most commonly collected language

B. Geographical Areas.

Primarily the United States, although materials concerning other parts of the world are collected as deemed necessary.

C. Types of Materials Collected.

Monographs and journals are the primary type of material collected.

D. Format of Materials Collected

Paper is the primary format collected.

VI. Specific Collection Guidelines

Concentration on academic libraries and librarianship and the various library functions contained therein. Also general aspects of book production and the history of libraries and book culture are collected.

VII. Detailed Subject Areas**VIII. Other Resources Available****IX. Cross-references to Collection Policies****X. Creation date**

September 2000

XI. Revision History

April 2007 (Reviewed)

XII. LC Class(es), if applicable.

Library of Congress classes Z and ZA are prominent.

XIII. Bibliographer name

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