

The McGregor Library

McGregor Library Collection Development Policy

The purpose of the AUM Library is to empower the teaching mission and intellectual culture of the AUM community through availability to an organized collection of information, as well as instruction in its access, relevance and evaluation

Purpose

The purpose of this collection development policy is to provide a framework for the selection of materials consistent with these goals and to meet the growing needs and interests of our community.

The Library's collection is designed and maintained to meet the academic and research needs of AUM students, faculty, and staff. Materials selected for addition to the library's collections are to support the academic mission of the University. In addition, the AUM Library builds its collection with an understanding of its reciprocal relationship with OhioLINK.

Formats

AUM Library collects material in all formats whose content is suitable and appropriate for both undergraduate and graduate-level study. This includes books, multimedia (CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes); and electronic collections and research databases.

Decision Making

AUM Library seeks input from the community, to maintain a small but vibrant and well-used collection. Library staff will make purchasing decisions based on faculty, student and staff recommendations, as well as review of selection tools such as professional publications and publisher catalogs. Staff will do their best to stay aware of recent publications in fields relevant to teaching and research done in the AUM community. Library staff will work towards maintaining a balanced collection, representing the diverse information needs and interests of the AUM community. The Librarian is responsible for making final decisions on acquisition requests.

Maintenance

Periodically, librarians evaluate the collection to identify materials for withdrawal. Materials that are outdated, damaged, seldom circulated, contain inaccurate information, or were used to support programs no longer relevant to AUM campus activities may be removed.

Gifts

AUM Library accepts donations of materials, which support the teaching and research missions of the University. Gifts are accepted with the understanding that they may be added to the collection, sold for the benefit of the Library, offered to other OhioLINK libraries, or discarded. The Librarian is responsible for making final decisions to accept or reject such gifts