

AUS Library Collection Development Policy

The mission of AUS Library is to support the academic programs of Antioch University Seattle and to provide our community of learners with access to appropriate information resources. The purpose of the Collection Development Policy is to provide guidelines for the selection of materials consistent with these goals.

The Library's collection is designed and maintained to meet the academic and research needs of AUS students, faculty, and staff. Material selected for addition to the library's collections are to support the academic mission of the school.

AUS Library collects material in all formats whose content is suitable and appropriate for both undergraduate and graduate-level study. This includes books and journals (both print and electronic); audiovisual material (CDs, DVDs, videotapes); and electronic research databases and collections.

The library staff seeks input from the community, to maintain a small but vibrant and well-used collection.

Library staff 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 do their best to stay aware of recent publications in fields relevant to teaching and research done in the AUS community. Library staff work towards maintaining a balanced collection, representing the variegated information needs and interests of the AUS community.

The Library does purchase and keep a limited selection of textbooks. These are held behind the circulation desk and are for "library use only," during the quarter a given textbook is being assigned.

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 Materials that are outdated, damaged, seldom circulated, contain inaccurate information, or were used to support programs no longer relevant to AUS campus activities may be removed.

The Library subscribes to Intellectual Freedom policies of the American Library Association.

The Library is responsible for making final decisions on acquisition requests.