

Holman Library Collection Development Policy

The mission of McKendree University is to provide a high quality educational experience to outstanding students, and the library supports this mission by building a collection to support the student learning outcomes of Responsible Citizenship, Engagement, Academic Excellence, and Lifelong Learning.

The policy is designed to guide the selection, evaluation, and de-selection of the library's circulating collection, whether by purchase, gift, or subscription. The purpose of this policy is to provide a written statement of the library's objectives for building and maintaining its collection, and to guide librarians when making purchasing decisions, and as a source to identify areas of strength and weaknesses in our collection.

A number of principles guide the selection of items added to our collection, primary among them are equity, diversity, scope, balance, and freedom of intellectual pursuit. The library supports the American Library Association's [Bill of Rights](#), [Intellectual Freedom Statement](#), [Statement on Challenged Materials](#), and [Code of Professional Ethics](#). Selection of materials is made with the goal of representing all points of view, and subjects are considered without bias or censorship.

Our general selection guidelines are to acquire:

- Scholarly resources that support the curriculum, including diverse areas of study and scholarship
- Quality non-scholarly resources that enable every member of our campus community to engage in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge by supporting the open exchange of ideas, innovation, diverse opinions, creativity, and equity.
- Resources that meet a standard of currency, authority, historical value, user demand, and availability through other institutions affiliated with the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI).
- Resources that align with McKendree University's mission statement and [student learning outcomes](#).

The library does not actively purchase or collect duplicate copies, textbooks, personal copies for faculty, materials proselytizing religious beliefs, self-help or medical books not rooted in established medical systems, or items promoting commercial products or companies. Exceptions may be made if instructional or research purpose can be demonstrated. Replacement copies will be purchased on a case-by-case basis.

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