

Selection of Books and Other Materials

The books, periodicals, databases, and other materials purchased for use in the library have been selected and evaluated according to the following guidelines:

- Professional review journals are consulted in order to acquire materials of the highest quality.
- Suggestions from faculty and students are encouraged and are taken into serious consideration when selecting materials.
- Each librarian has a specific subject area for which he/she selects materials. Librarians often have an academic degree related to their area of responsibility and strive to keep current of its literature.
- The Acquisitions Librarian is ultimately responsible for materials selection and can be contacted for special requests.
- Textbooks are not routinely purchased due to budget limitations. Instructors are encouraged to loan the library duplicate copies of their texts as reserve copies for in-library use only.
- Outdated materials are periodically removed (“weeded”) from the collection to ensure that students have access to current and accurate information.
- The Library adheres to the **Freedom to Read** statement of the **American Library Association** regarding censorship of materials. To view this statement, please access:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/ftstatement/freedomreadstatement.cfm>