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- Outdated materials are periodically removed (“weeded”) from the collection to ensure that students have access to current and accurate information.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/ftrstatem ent/freedomreadstatement.cfm

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