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Collection Development Statement

Subject: American Literature

Purpose and Emphasis: the primary purpose of the collection is to support teaching at the undergraduate level. Baccalaureate degrees offered are the Bachelor of Arts in English. Secondary support is directed to faculty research.

Collection Guidelines:

- a. Languages: English is the principal language of the collection. Works written in languages other than English are acquired very selectively and usually in English translation.
- b. Chronological coverage: No limitations.
- c. Geographical coverage: Geographic guidelines are dictated by the authors' country of origin. Thus, the American Literature collection consists of publications by and about American authors.
- d. Format: Including but not limited to; books, periodicals, non-print media, and selected materials in microform are acquired.
- e. Types of Materials-. Including but not limited to: anthologies, bibliographies, biographies, concordances, dictionaries, directories, encyclopedias, monographs, periodicals, handbooks, and professional proceedings are purchased.
- f. Treatment of Subject: All American literary genres are collected. Publications of major American authors and those authors emphasized in the curriculum are given priority. Supplementary materials of a biographical, bibliographic, critical, historical, or textual nature are collected intensively. Priority is always given to scholarly works, but a selective number of materials such as an author's first work, bestsellers, or popular fiction are acquired.
- g. Date of Publication: Current in-print publications receive priority; however, retrospective materials are purchased in available formats as budget permits.
- h. Reference Collection: The Reference Collection mirrors and supports the current acquisition practices outlined in the American Literature collection management policy. To this end, major English language abstracts, indices and bibliographies are purchased to provide access to American literature. Standard literary dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, biographical references, directories, and yearbooks are updated regularly.
- i. Acquisition Plans Affecting the Collection
 1. Standing Orders:
 - [Best American Short Stories](#)
 - [Bibliography of American Literature](#)
 - [Contemporary Authors](#)
 - [Contemporary Authors Index](#)
 - [Contemporary Authors -- Autobiography Series](#)
 - [Contemporary Authors -- Revision Series](#)
 - [Contemporary Literary Criticism](#)
 - [Critical Essays Series](#)
 - [Dictionary of Literary Biography Yearbook](#)
 - [Literature Criticism from 1400-1800](#)
 - [Magill's Literary Annual](#)
 - [MLA International Bibliography](#)
 - [Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism](#)
 - [O. Henry Prize Stories](#)
 - [Poetry Criticism](#)
 - [Short Story Criticism](#)
 - [Tennessee Studies in Literature](#)
 - [Twayne's Masterworks Studies](#)
 - [Twayne's U. S. Authors Series](#)
 - [Twentieth Century Literary Criticism](#)
 2. Blanket Orders: None
 3. Approval Plans: None
- j. Deselection/Replacement: This area does not require frequent revision, thus

deselection/replacement may be kept to a minimum. Items slated for deselection or replacement are evaluated in accordance with the General Collection Development Policy.

Collection Assessment Tools:

American Library Association. Books for College Libraries.

Balay, Robert. Guide to Reference Books

Bracken, James K. Reference Works In British and American Literature

Essay and General Literature Index

Gohdes, Clarence L. Bibliographical Guide to the Study of the Literature of the U.S.A

Humanities Index

Patterson, Margaret C. Literary Research Guide

Sader, Marion. Topical Reference Books

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