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Collection Development Statement

SUBJECT: Astronomy

Purpose and Emphasis: The primary purpose of the collection is to support teaching at the core curriculum level. Degree offered is the A.A. Secondary support is directed to faculty research.

COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

- a. Languages: English is the primary language.
- b. Chronological coverage: No limitations.
- c. Geographical coverage: No limitations.
- d. Format: Including but not limited to; books, periodicals, non-print media, microforms are acquired.
- e. Types of materials: Including but not limited to; atlases, bibliographies, biographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, indices, monographs, non-print media and periodicals shall be purchased.
- f. Treatment of Subject: Publications encompassing the origin, characteristics and evolution of the solar system, objects and events beyond the solar system in our galaxy, and illustrative astronomy are acquired. Materials dealing with the history of astronomy, including biographies of noted astronomers will be acquired. Materials dealing with contemporary astronomy will be purchased. Popular materials will be acquired selectively.
- g. Date of Publication: Current in-print publications will receive priority.
- h. Reference Collection: The Reference Collection mirrors and supports the acquisition practices outlined in the Astronomy Collection Development statement. To this end, English-language indices and bibliographies are purchased to provide access to the literature. Standard dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks are updated regularly.
- i. Acquisition plans affecting the collection:
 1. Standing Orders:
 - Astronomical Almanac
 - McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology
 - Nautical Almanac
 2. Blanket Orders: None
- j. Deselection/Replacement: Astronomy dates rapidly; every effort is made to insure that the collection is current and relevant to program offerings. Erroneous and dated materials are candidates for deselection/ replacement, unless they retain seminal or historical value. Materials slated for deselection/replacement are evaluated in accordance with the General Collection Development Policy.

Collection Assessment Tools:

American Association for the Advancement of Science. Science Books and Films
American Library Association. Books for College Libraries
American Reference Books Annual
Balay, Robert. Guide to Reference Books
Sader, Marion. Topical Reference Books

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