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**Collection Development Statement**

**Subject: Geography**

The purpose of the collection is to support teaching at the core curriculum level. Degree offered is the A.A. Secondary support is given to faculty research.

COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

- a. Languages: English is the principal language of the collection.
- b. Chronological Coverage: Geographical studies on all periods will be collected, but emphasis is on present conditions.
- c. Geographical coverage: Primary emphasis is on North America with a secondary emphasis on other areas of the world.
- d. Format: Including but not limited to; books, periodicals, maps, non-print media, and selected materials in microform will be collected.
- e. Types of materials: Including but not limited to; atlases, travel guides, handbooks, bibliographies, biographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, gazetteers, monographs and journals will be acquired. Maps are purchased selectively.
- f. Treatment of Subject: Publications encompassing voyages and travels, physical geography, political geography, climate, management of natural resources, pollution, population and land use will be collected.
- g. Date of publication: Current in-print publications receive priority. Selected retrospective publications in available formats will be purchased as budget permits.
- h. Reference Collection: The Reference Collection mirrors and supports the current acquisition practices of the Geography Collection Development statement. To this end, English-language abstracts, indices, and bibliographies, are purchased to provide access to the literature of Geography. Standard geography dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks are updated regularly.
- i. Acquisition Plans affecting the Geography Collection:
  1. Standing Orders:
    - Economist World Atlas and Almanac
    - Europa World Yearbook
    - Maps on File
  2. Blanket Orders: None
- J. Deselection/Replacement- Currency is not a major criterion for assessment, thus deselection/replacement is kept to a minimum. Materials to be deselected/replaced are evaluated in accordance with the General Collection Development Policy.

Collection Assessment Tools:

American Library Association. Books for College Libraries.  
American Reference Books Annual  
Brewer, James g. Literature of Geography  
Essay and General Literature Index  
P.A.I.S.

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