

Hartness Library Collection Development Policy Addendum: Covid 19 Restrictions

The Hartness Library strives to maintain the purpose of the collection development policy to guide the provision of the most relevant, timely, and authoritative materials in support of the curriculum of the colleges. It also ensures a breadth of collections that fosters a creative intellectual environment and the free exchange of ideas.

Under the current circumstances, where the Covid 19 crisis has moved a majority of courses into the online environment, and a formal budget for library acquisitions has not been assigned, the collection development procedures have been adapted.

1. Primarily online/electronic resources will be considered for the collection at this time, at the discretion of the Library Director, Assistant Director, and/or Faculty Librarian.
2. Print items will be considered if requested by a faculty member.
3. Print newspapers and periodical subscriptions will be halted until further notice, unless this is the only format available for a program specific need.
4. Course texts that are available through our eBook vendors will be considered for the collection on a case-by-case basis. Such materials must be of reasonable cost, have clear relevance and be pertinent to more than one course section.
5. Additional efforts will be made to evaluate the health of the overall collection as it relates to the programs it supports, and to improve accessibility to all students, staff and faculty.

This addendum will take precedent in our collection development plan through the Fiscal Year 20/21 until otherwise noted.