

## University of Liverpool Library Collection Development Guiding Principles <sup>1</sup>

We will:

- Purchase materials to meet the learning, teaching and research needs of the students and staff of the University.
- Implement a [‘Digital First’ policy](#) where appropriate and practicable.
- Ensure that we provide a return on investment through targeted purchasing of resources and by the continuous evidenced-based evaluation of existing acquisitions and subscriptions.
- Balance the size of the Library’s physical collections against the need to provide sufficient study spaces.
- Continue to explore innovative ways of acquiring information to meet learning, teaching and research needs.
- Embed the principles and mechanisms of Open Access into our information provision.
- Commit to developing diverse, accessible, and inclusive collections, working in partnership with academics, students and suppliers.
- Develop and manage our collections responsibly and sustainably regardless of format to provide sufficient access to resources for our students and academics.
- Collaborate with other institutions, regionally, nationally, and internationally, to increase and improve access to resources.

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<sup>1</sup>Special Collections and Archives have their own separate Collection Development Policy [Special Collections and Archives Collection Development Policy](#)