COLLECTION POLICY for Anthropology

OVERVIEW

Coverage

Anthropology monographs and some print journals are principally purchased by the Tylor Library, ISCA, although material culture and visual anthropology are collected (outside the Bodleian Libraries) by the Balfour Library at the Pitt Rivers Museum. For more information on collections and research areas, see the Anthropology subject site (http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/oxford-anthropology) or the Tylor site at http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/anthropology.

In general, Tylor concentrates particularly on research-level material, with some basic teaching texts. Texts for taught courses may be found both at Tylor and at the Social Science Library. In addition the Radcliffe Science Library acquires some medical and biological anthropology material.

SOLO is the online catalogue which lists most books and journals in the Bodleian Libraries’ teaching, learning and research collections. Please note that some pre-1900 material in Tylor is not yet searchable on SOLO, though you may contact the librarian for help in finding it.

Legal deposit

Legal deposit material is not currently collected at Tylor; UK material relevant to anthropologists may be found at the main Bodleian, Social Science Library (teaching and recent research materials) and the Radcliffe Science Library (eg medical anthropology, particularly for M Sc).

Electronic resources

A large number of online journals are available across the university via SOLO. Online databases of interest include Anthropology Plus, AnthroSource and a growing number of e-books via NetLibrary and EBL (individual titles should be searchable on SOLO).

OxLIP+ is the interface for electronic resources, such as bibliographic databases. Oxford University e-Journals provides access to e-journals. Both include subscription resources and selected open-access resources.
Languages

The Tylor Library will collect material in all languages as required. Reflecting the development of anthropology as a subject, most non-English material held currently is in French, Dutch or German.

TEACHING COLLECTIONS

Books and journal articles on social/cultural anthropology reading lists should normally be available to readers at Tylor and/or Social Science Library. They may also be available online via SOLO. Material culture and visual anthropology will normally be the province of the Pitt Rivers Museum. In addition to holdings at Tylor (for the anthropology component), Human Sciences material may be found outside the Bodleian Libraries at the Pauling Centre for Human Sciences Library.

Readers who are unable to locate material on a relevant reading list should contact the subject librarian, who will check for coverage.

Normally we will maintain adequate duplicate copies of printed items in high demand, and short loan or confined copies will be available in one of the main libraries. Note that the Tylor Library does not offer short loans but maintains a confined section which may be added to if necessary. Readers are encouraged to use the reservations system on SOLO, and contact the subject librarian if they still cannot obtain particular titles in a timely way.

RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

Much research material can be found at the Tylor Library, including several book series and a number of specialist journals. Note that UK material held by legal deposit will also be available in the other main Bodleian Libraries and often online.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Tylor maintains two principal special book collections: the Skeat Collection (covering Southeast Asia) and the Durkheim Collection, dedicated to the work of the sociological school around Émile Durkheim. Many of these items may be borrowed, and are shown with the appropriate suffix on the SOLO catalogue.
PURCHASED MATERIAL

The Tylor Library and relevant larger libraries (Social Science Library, Radcliffe Science Library and main Bodleian) will purchase material in

- Social and cultural anthropology (Tylor mainly)
- Migration (taught M Phil at Social Science Library)
- Cross-disciplinary works in sociology, philosophy, linguistics etc.

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