

# Collection Development Policy for the Radcliffe Science Library

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The primary function of the Radcliffe Science Library is to support current research and teaching in science, technology and medicine within the University of Oxford, and its collection policy reflects this mission.

The subjects covered by the Radcliffe Science Library are Biological Sciences (Plant Sciences and Zoology), Chemistry, Computing Science, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Materials Science, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Statistics. In medical sciences the Radcliffe Science Library covers Anatomy, Biochemistry, Experimental Psychology, Genetics, Immunology, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology and Physiology and provides primary coverage for preclinical medical students (years 1 to 3); Clinical Medicine is provided for by the Bodleian Health Care Libraries who have their own Collection Policy at

[http://lqdata.s3-website-us-east-](http://lqdata.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/docs/999/311192/Collection_Policy_-_Medicine_29Sep11.pdf)

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These policies also cover the Alexander Library of Ornithology and Sherardian Library of Plant Taxonomy which house the specialist collections in their respective subject areas.

The Radcliffe Science Library also houses materials supporting research and teaching in Geography and the Environment (physical and human geography, environmental change and transport studies; separate collection development policy available at

[http://lqdata.s3-website-us-east-](http://lqdata.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/docs/999/294948/Collection_Policy_Geography.pdf)

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Material physically housed in the Radcliffe Science Library is normally that which is recently published or which has received recent use in hard copy; earlier material is moved to the Bodleian Libraries' remote Book Storage Facility. The Library normally acquires material in the English language only. Access to the Library's resources is through SOLO. Books housed on the open shelves will be arranged according to the Library of Congress classification scheme (medical texts according the National Library of Medicine scheme); periodicals, alphabetically by title.

General policies on the acquisition, location, retention and transfer of library material conform to the overall Bodleian Libraries Collection Management Policy documents available at <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/about/policies>.

## Journals and other electronic resources

The library aims to provide access to all key research journals within its subject areas. It will normally endeavour to do so for current titles by means of electronic access available within the University's IP ranges, provided publishers offer this facility in a cost-effective manner and security of purchased backfiles is assured.

## **Other material**

The library will endeavour to provide lending copies of current reading list texts in the most appropriate and cost-effective range of available formats (electronic or paper) and in quantities and for access periods which will best meet demand, having regard to the likely availability of alternative copies within Oxford. This will be supplemented by the purchase of additional texts, conference proceedings and other resources in suitable formats to support research at postgraduate level and above.

## **Legal deposit material**

The library provides access to material deposited in paper or electronically under legal deposit arrangements in formats agreed with the publishers to provide reference copies as backup for loanable books which are in heavy demand and to provide texts not expected to be in sufficient demand to warrant purchase. STM material received in hard copy by this route which does not support current research and teaching, or which is accepted to provide backup to subscribed electronic titles, will be housed in the Bodleian Libraries' remote Book Storage Facility.

## **Proposals**

The library welcomes suggestions from all readers for the purchase of new resources and, working with academic departments through its subject consultants, aims to maintain the currency and relevance of its collection and to provide support for new or changed research areas. Early notification by academic staff of reading lists enables the library to make material available in a timely manner, and we welcome donated copies of books recommended for current use.