

Collection Development Guidelines

Purpose

The Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Library Collection Development Guidelines support the Library's mission by setting forth the philosophy and principles that shape our collection and provides parameters for decisions concerning the collection of materials necessary to support the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Program and the Columbia Basin fish and wildlife research community at large. The policy sets out a logical framework for current collection activities and is reviewed periodically to ensure that it continues to meet users' requirements.

Subject coverage/scope

As a project funded by the Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Program <https://www.nwcouncil.org/reports/2014-columbia-river-basin-fish-and-wildlife-program/>, we strive to ensure that our collection reflects the program's mission and research focus. Additional subject coverage includes policy and litigation, the natural history of the basin, Columbia River treaty tribes, and general fish, fisheries, aquatic, and wildlife science.

While the collection focuses on the basin, we also include relevant research from outside the basin, including Alaska and California.

Formats

Grey literature

Grey literature is information produced outside of traditional publishing and distribution channels, including research reports, working papers, and white papers. These materials are often scarce due to limited distribution. As much of the basin's fish and wildlife research is in this format, The Library aims to collect grey literature as comprehensively as possible. Digital is preferred over print due to the Library's geographically distributed user base.

Books

The Library adds printed books such as textbooks and general reference books when appropriate.

Journals

The preferred format for journals is electronic. The Library only actively collects print journals if they are of historical interest or unavailable electronically.

Redundancy

Duplication is generally avoided. The Library may acquire duplicate copies of materials if the item experiences heavy, continuous use or is of great historical interest.

Gifts to the Library

The Library welcomes donations of materials that support the Columbia River Basin fish and wildlife research community. This includes both gray and published literature.

The Library will not accept the following materials:

- Textbooks more than ten years old
- Items we already own (unless patrons heavily use them)
- Older editions of items we currently own
- Print journal articles or issues
- Materials in poor condition

Donated materials become the sole property of the Library. The Library reserves the right to dispose of or donate materials not added to the collection.