English Literature Collection Policy

Purpose:
The purpose of the collection is to support the undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs offered in the Department of English, as well as the research and teaching needs of graduate students and faculty.

Subject Areas Covered:
The Library collects in all major periods and genres of English literature including:

Old and Middle English
Medieval and Renaissance
17th and 18th century
19th century
20th century British and Irish
Modernist Literature
American literature
Canadian literature
Postcolonial Literature and Theory (not Africa)

As well as:

Animal Studies
Theory of Comics and Graphic Narratives
Cultural Studies
Ecocriticism
Environmental Humanities
Literary Criticism and Theory
Indigenous Studies
Gender Studies

We collect the following literary award winners:

Governor’s General Award (Drama, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Translation) - winners
Pulitzer Prize (Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Drama) – winners and finalists for fiction
Griffin Poetry Prize (Canadian) – winner
Charles Taylor Prize for literary non-fiction – winner and evaluate shortlist
Giller Prize – winner and evaluate shortlist
Man Booker Prize for fiction – shortlist
T.S. Eliot Prize - winner

Languages:
English is the primary language of the collection. Materials in other languages may be acquired.

Geographical Areas:
Place of publication: primarily from Canada, United States, and the U.K.

Geographical Focus:
No restrictions but emphasis is on Canada, the U.S. and the U.K.

Chronological Limits:
The focus is on current publications but older and out-of-print materials will be selectively acquired and considered upon request.
Types of Materials Collected:
Monographs (print preferred), periodicals, multimedia materials, databases, and selected textbooks.

Collecting Levels

A. **Research Level:** Provides for the collection of materials, which support upper undergraduate level courses, special topics courses and research

B. **Teaching Level:** Provides for the collection of materials, which support undergraduate instruction including honours programs.

C. **Basic information:** Provides for the selective collection of materials, which support secondary scholarly interests and general background information.

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