English Collection Policy

Purpose:
The English collection supports 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
- Comparative Literature
- Modernist Studies
- Postcolonial Literature and Theory (not Africa)

As well as:

- Theory of Comics and Graphic Narratives
- Ecocriticism and Eco-Cultural Studies
- Environmental Humanities
- Literary Criticism and Theory
- Textual Studies

The Library also supports faculty and students in the following interdisciplinary fields:

- Animal Studies
- Cultural Studies
- 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 to support the curriculum.

Place of Publication:
Primarily from Canada, United States, and the United Kingdom.
**Geographical Areas:**
No restrictions but emphasis is on Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.

**Chronological Limits:**
Focus is on current publications, but older and out-of-print materials are selectively acquired and considered upon request.

**Types of Materials Collected:**
Monographs (print preferred), periodicals, multimedia materials, databases and other digital resources.

**Exclusions:**
With the exception of individual requests and some selected acquisitions, the following types of materials are not acquired:
- Bibliographies
- Course textbooks
- Popular literature that do not support research and teaching

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