

Collections Priorities

The UMass Amherst Libraries create, select, and ingest materials of scholarly and cultural value into its collections to support the teaching, learning, and research mission of the University. The Libraries Collections Strategies Coalition sets strategic directions, builds frameworks for collection priorities, identifies and addresses key collections issues, and provides an ongoing review of collections investment opportunities.

Focus Areas

Collections priorities focus on areas identified in the Libraries and University strategic plans.

Curriculum & Research Support

Resources will be added that support coursework and research at the University.

Distinctive Open Collections

The Libraries will invest in and support unique and distinctive collections. The Libraries contribute to global scholarship through our unique content as part of an emerging open global knowledge economy.

Richly Integrated Collections

The Libraries will strive for focused depth and interconnectedness within its collections to create a rich environment for exploration and study.

Values Alignment

Collections priorities align with the Libraries' key values as stated in the Libraries Strategic Plan.

Collaborations & Partnerships

The Libraries look for opportunities to collaborate with partners and programs to expand resource access beyond our campus.

Diversity & Inclusion

The Libraries strive to represent the wide variety of human knowledge, ideas and research in its collections and provide platforms that are accessible to all.

Innovation & Creativity

The Libraries support innovation in developing and implementing services and technologies that provide for the creation, customization, dissemination, discovery, accessibility, and preservation of collections resources.

Openness & Transparency

The Libraries will foster relationships with partners whose values align with those of the Libraries and the University, preferring to work with those vendors whose values align with ours. The Libraries will develop and use tools to effectively evaluate vendor practices and will openly communicate values alignment.

Sustainability & Stewardship

As stewards of our scholarly collections, we preserve and provide access to a wide-range of content including cultural heritage materials from a variety of communities. The Libraries provide ongoing assessment of collections activities in a way that is sustainable with respect to its financial and technological resources and the long-term physical needs of the materials.

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