

LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans Libraries Collection Development Policy

With preference given to online resources that may be used anywhere, anytime, the LSUHSC-NO Libraries collect and provide access to information sources, including monographs, textbooks, journals, databases, indexing/abstracting platforms, and reference works to support the educational, research, and clinical missions of its constituent schools. These include the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health. The primary users supported by LSUHSC-NO Libraries include faculty, staff, clinicians, administrators, residents, and students of these schools.

The Libraries maintain an online reference collection to answer immediate information needs. Reference material includes dictionaries, directories, drug and toxicology resources, indices and abstracts, test and measurement resources, biographical resources, style guides, encyclopedias, bibliographies, and statistical resources. Media resources are acquired only at the specific request of the teaching faculty.

The Libraries support classroom learning through a small paper reserve collection. The collection contains textbooks and materials requested by teaching faculty.

The Libraries house and maintain a historical collection of paper monographs and periodicals, accessible to both on-campus researchers and scholars worldwide, subject to the limitations of the available physical space.

Rare and historical materials are now generally acquired only through donations, covered by the LSUHSC-NO Libraries Gift Policy. The Libraries actively seek archival materials related to campus history, such as annual reports, school bulletins, photographs, and other artifacts. The Libraries selectively collect historical material related to the history of health services in Louisiana.

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