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Subject: INTERDISCIPLINARY MATERIAL

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Purpose

This policy is intended to address the need of UM Libraries to acquire or to obtain access to significant interdisciplinary material or information.

Definition

Interdisciplinary material covers two or more disciplines or subject areas. For the purposes of this policy, interdisciplinary material also includes general material which cannot be linked to any specific discipline. Print and non-print materials as well as information received electronically are covered by this policy.

Policy

Significant interdisciplinary titles or information which may be important to teaching and research at the University of Manitoba will be identified for possible acquisition or access. It is the responsibility of all collection development librarians to ensure that such titles or information which comes to their attention is acquired or referred to the appropriate librarians.

Collection development librarians will consult with other librarians working in related areas to ensure that important interdisciplinary materials are not neglected.

Duplicate copies of interdisciplinary materials can be acquired according to the collection policy statement on duplication of library resources.

Requests can be made for the transfer of interdisciplinary materials to a more appropriate library location.

Procedures Applicable to All Units

1. While each unit may allot a portion of its acquisitions budget (or gift funds) for the purchase of interdisciplinary material to support teaching and research needs of its primary users, requests for significant interdisciplinary titles which cannot be acquired by an individual unit are referred to the Coordinator, Collections Management, for purchase, when possible, on gift funds.
2. Serial transfer requests from one library to another are directed to the Coordinator, Collections Management. Requests for the transfer of other types of materials are directed to the Unit head or to the Coordinator, Collections Management.