

UCI Libraries Collection Policy

The UCI Libraries collect materials in all formats to support the University's research and instructional program. Primary emphasis is on acquiring current materials and providing access to online resources.

Because UCI is part of the University of California System, we benefit from both the consortial acquisition of electronic resources via the California Digital Library (CDL) and also benefit from the rich collections of scholarly resources that are available from the other UC campuses, two off-site UC library storage facilities (SRLF and NRLF), and our membership in the Center for Research Libraries. We take this into consideration when selecting materials for the UCI collection. These UC-wide collections appear in the Melvyl database (<http://uci.worldcat.org/>), a union catalog of all materials owned by the University of California Libraries.

The UCI Libraries' first priority is to keep on campus those materials that are needed to support the campus' current academic programs. The UCI Libraries carefully review materials and submit lesser-used materials to a high-density storage facility called the Southern Regional Library Facility (SRLF). Since this facility will be full soon, there will be a future option to send low-use resources to the Northern Regional Library Facility (NRLF). Some of the factors used to decide whether to send materials to off-site storage include usage and circulation, and whether the item is available online.

Due to space constraints, the UCI Libraries collection is weeded on an ongoing basis. There are various criteria for weeding, such as: poor physical condition, no longer critical in supporting the University's research and instructional program, or sufficient copies of materials within the UC system. For example, some materials that we submit for deposit to SRLF are withdrawn in lieu of deposit, because they already exist at both the SRLF and NRLF.