

## **Support for the University of Minnesota Libraries' Values for Collections**

Statement by the Senate Library Committee  
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The University of Minnesota Libraries' Collection is vital to the University community and fulfillment of the University's Mission. The [University Libraries' staff develop collections](#) to support the University's teaching, research, and community programs. The University Libraries' collections also serve the needs of the citizens of Minnesota and a global community through resource sharing programs. The Senate Library Committee (SLC) recognizes the difficulty in managing the library's collection funds given continued escalations in costs and budget reductions.

The University Libraries' Collections Strategic Steering Committee has developed and adopted seven values to help guide their investments. The SLC supports the [University Libraries' Values for Collections](#), including:

- 1) Alignment of collection development with the University of Minnesota mission
- 2) Open and enduring access to information
- 3) Partnerships and collaborations
- 4) Innovative information use and interactions
- 5) Economic sustainability
- 6) Equity, diversity, and inclusion
- 7) Privacy

As information needs continue to grow and budgets continue to be stretched, it is important to have values to guide policies, processes, and assessment of our Collection. The SLC supports using these values as the foundation of our content acquisition negotiations with vendors and publishers. These values are also important in aligning the collection development activities with the research, teaching, and service priorities of the University community.

The University Libraries' Collections Strategic Steering Committee is to be commended for its proactive and thoughtful approach to continued management of this important resource.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the University of Minnesota Senate Library Committee  
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