



Research Center Collection Development Policy

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

The Research Center (RC) is responsible for a multidisciplinary and multi format collection of resources and materials for the study of journalism. Reflective of the School of Journalism's curriculum, the collection covers a wide array of disciplines focusing on the following four subject concentrations: Urban Affairs, Business/Economics, Arts/Culture and Health/Medicine.

Seeded by the generosity of several donors, the library has developed a robust core collection of historical works about the field of journalism, outstanding journalists, notable media families and corporations. Other subjects areas in the collection include literary works by and about journalists, trends and issues in the profession, national organizations in the field, as well as works about New York City. Its primary user group is comprised of the students, faculty and staff of the Graduate School of Journalism; however, the facility adheres to the open access policy of the City University of New York and its collection is accessible by students, faculty and staff affiliated with the University's other 19 institutions.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

1. Languages collected: Since the focus of the curriculum is based on journalistic activities initiated in the United States the RC only collects materials published in the English language.
2. Geographical areas covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, publication sources, or both: The Research Center collects journalistic materials dealing with all 50 states and U.S. territories with a focus on New York City. Additional

materials collected on a global scale will be directly related to the program curriculum.

3. Chronological period covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate: The Center collects materials dealing with the history of the journalism profession and the city of New York from its origins to the present day.
4. Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate: The Research Center strives to keep current information mirroring the changes in the journalism profession and the program curriculum. Historical publications are acquired as a means of providing perspective on current trends and events in the profession.

GENERAL SUBJECT AREAS

The Research Center collects interdisciplinary materials pertaining to the subject area of journalism. Primary subject areas are determined by the following Library of Congress call number ranges.

PN1990 – 1992.92	Broadcasting
PN1991 – 1992.92	Radio Broadcasts
PN1992 – 1992.92	Television Broadcasts
PN4699 – 5650	Journalism. The periodical press, etc.
PN4735 – 4748	Relation to the State. Government and the press. Liberty of the press.
PN4775 – 4784	Technique. Practical journalism.
PN4825 – 4830	Amateur journalism
PN4832 – 4836	Magazines and other periodicals.
PN4840 – 5648	By region or country
PN5650	The Jewish press

RELATED SUBJECTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

The current J-School curriculum has five subject concentrations: Urban Affairs, Business/Economics, Arts/Culture, Health/Medicine and International Reporting. The collection reflects the subject matter concentrations. However, due to the interdisciplinary nature of the

field, materials collected may overlap with other related subject areas. Therefore, the collection will also include the following subjects:

General Works: Encyclopedias, handbooks, dictionaries and other related works, indexes, periodicals, newspapers, academies and learned societies, yearbooks, almanacs, directories and history of scholarship and learning pertaining to the field of journalism and reporting.

Philosophy, Psychology and Religion: Works pertaining to the ethics of the profession will be collected. Significant works in the field on psychology and religion pertaining the subject concentrations will be collected

Auxiliary Sciences of History: Collected works in this subject area include biographies of notable figures in the media world.

History: America: Works collected in this subject area include significant events in U.S. history and in the field of journalism as it relates to the subject tracks mentioned.

Geography, Anthropology, Recreation: Works selected in this subject area include maps (national, state, and city), atlases, the environmental sciences, physical geography, and sports as they pertain to the five focal subject concentrations.

Social Sciences: Materials collected on this subject include statistics, economic history and conditions, industries, labor, commerce, finance, sociology, social history and conditions, the family, societies: secret, benevolent, communities, social pathology, and socialism.

Political Science: Materials in this subject area include political institutions and administrations in the U.S., local government, immigration and emigration, and international relations relating to the five subject concentrations.

Law: Works collected on this topic cover law and jurisprudence in the U.S. relating to Urban Affairs, Business/Economics, Arts/Culture, Health/Medicine and International Reporting.

Education: All aspects of this subject pertaining to education in the United States relating to the subject concentrations.

Music: Works covering the general subject area such as dictionaries, encyclopedias and biographies that would be relevant to the Arts/Culture subject concentration.

Fine Arts: Materials covering the subject in general will be collected to support the Arts/Culture subject concentration.

Literature: Materials covering the performing arts, broadcast journalism and literary journalism.

Science: Significant works and general works relevant to the Health/Medicine subject concentration.

Medicine: Significant works written by journalists on the public aspect of medicine and general works pertaining to the Health/Medicine subject concentration.

Agriculture: Significant works written by journalists on the subject and general works such as handbooks, dictionaries, etc. relevant to Urban Affairs, Business/Economics and Health/Medicine.

Technology: General works on Technology and Engineering that are relevant to the five subject matter concentrations.

Military Science: Collected materials include general works on the subject and significant works in the field.

Naval Science: Collected materials include general works on the subject and significant works in the field.

TYPES OF MATERIALS

Collected: Books; periodicals; proceedings; reference materials; atlases; and government publications; Electronic resources; U.S. regional organizations and national organizations.

Collected Selectively: National, regional, and local maps; audio-visual materials.

Not Collected: Textbooks

OTHER RESOURCES

As one of 20 City University of New York libraries, J-School students, faculty and staff have access to over four million items held by the CUNY libraries. These holdings are accessible via a union catalog, CUNY+.

A number of electronic resources are provided by the CUNY Office of Library Services covering the wide range of academic disciplines. As a result, the Center's users have access to well over 60 electronic resources (<http://libraries.cuny.edu/resource.htm>) in addition to the 40+ locally purchased databases.

The Research Center along with the other CUNY libraries is affiliated with the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). ICPSR acquires, archives and disseminates social science data for research and instruction (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu>). This affiliation provides electronic access to over 6,300 students from every discipline of the social sciences.