Guiding Principles for Collection Development Strategies.

These guiding principles provide a framework for collection development strategies and decisions for the Washington State University Libraries:

* Collects or acquires materials in all formats to support the University' land grant missions of teaching, research, and service.
* Collects or acquires materials for people affiliated with Washington State University, but also recognizes our institution’s role in networks of interlibrary lending of scholarly materials.
* Acquires resources that researchers and students need in the most effective and economical manner available, and actively works with stakeholders to diversify and supplement resources available for collection support.
* Considers the ability to borrow or access materials for WSU users from trusted consortial partners and vendors when making collection decisions.
* Works locally and with a network of partner institutions to preserve access to scholarly materials.
* Avoids duplicating materials, except to meet compelling WSU user needs, in order to maximize scarce economic and physical resources.
* Prefers online access when it best meets the needs of users, but recognizes that the availability of digital content and licenses varies across, disciplines, geographical origins, and document types and that there are cases where other formats can provide a more effective service.
* Recognizes that unique local collections and areas of strength add value to both institutional and collaborative collections.
* Promotes and provides financial and other direct support for sustainable alternative publishing models aimed at reforming the current publishing system and making WSU-produced scholarly content freely available.