



Collection Development Policies

The Federal Depository Library Collections of

The CONSORT Colleges

Mission Statement

The Government Documents/Information Departments of the libraries of the CONSORT Colleges of the Five Colleges of Ohio listed as follows:

| Library | U.S. Congressional District | Designation Year |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Denison University Libraries William Howard Doane Library Seeley G. Mudd Learning Center | 12 th | 1884 |
| Kenyon College Olin/Chalmers Libraries | 18 th | 1973 |
| Ohio Wesleyan University L.A. Beeghly Library | 12 th | 1845 |
| College of Wooster Libraries Andrews Library & Gault Library Timken Science Library | 16 th | 1966 |

The primary mission of these departments is to support the general collecting activities of the main libraries of their parent institutions which serve primarily the faculty, staff and students of each parent institution. All four institutions are Undergraduate Liberal Arts Colleges.

| Institution | Mission Statement Links |
|------------------------|---|
| Denison University | http://www.denison.edu/library/library%20mission%20and%20vision%20statements.pdf |
| Kenyon College | http://lis.owu.edu/lis.htm#colsize |
| Ohio Wesleyan Univ. | http://lis.owu.edu/libmiss.htm |
| The College of Wooster | http://www.wooster.edu/about/mission.php |

In accordance with the requirements defined in the Instructions to Depository Libraries, Guidelines for the Depository Library System, and the Federal Depository Library Manual, these units also strive to serve the government information needs of the constituents of the U.S. Congressional Districts in which they are located and surrounding communities that may be part of other Congressional Districts. That obligation is shared with the other depositories in each Congressional District.

Depository Libraries in Congressional District 12

| Depository # | Date | Name | Type | % selected |
|--------------|---------|--|-----------|------------|
| 0460 | Unknown | State Library of Ohio | Regional | 100% |
| 0474 | 1967 | Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library | Selective | 13.43% |
| 0474A | 1968 | Capital University Blackmore Library | Selective | 15.79% |
| 0480 | 1884 | Denison University Libraries | Selective | 38.23% |
| 0480A | 1845 | Ohio Wesleyan University | Selective | 26.66% |

Depository Libraries in Congressional District 16

| Depository # | Date | Name | Type | % selected |
|--------------|------|--|-----------|------------|
| 0479 | 1888 | Mount Union College Library | Selective | 31.65% |
| 0479A | 1966 | College of Wooster Libraries | Selective | 34.47% |
| 0479B | 1970 | Malone College Everett L. Cattell Library | Selective | 31.90% |
| 0486 | 1938 | Ashland University Library | Selective | 24.76% |

Depository Libraries in Congressional District 18

| Depository # | Date | Name | Type | % selected |
|--------------|------|---|-----------|------------|
| 0462 | 1873 | Kenyon College Olin/Chalmers Library | Selective | 35.67% |
| 0478A | 1966 | Muskingum College Library | Selective | 21.96% |

Community Descriptions

A brief comparison of the social and economic characteristics for the 12th, 16th, and 18th Congressional Districts at the time of the 2000 Census is included in the chart below.

| | 12 th District | 16 th District | 18 th District |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Median Age | 34.1 years | 37.4 years | 36.7 years |
| % Female | 51.9% | 51.5% | 51% |
| % High School Grad. – no college | 28% | 40.8% | 45.3% |

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|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| % Bachelor's Degree | 32.1% | 13% | 7.3% |
| % Advanced Degree | 10.3% | 6.2% | 4% |
| Median Family Income | \$58,305 | \$50,000 | \$40,760 |
| Per Capita Income | \$24,958 | \$20,529 | \$16,603 |
| Unemployment rate - 2000 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.4 |
| App. unemployment rate 2007 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 5.3 |
| Families below poverty level | 7.8% | 6.1% | 9.7% |



This map indicates an approximate location for each of the Federal depository libraries in Ohio. Blue dots indicate Depositories that are also part of CONSORT. Red dots indicate other depository libraries. Note the concentration of Depositories on the I-75 and I-71 corridors and the relatively small availability of depositories in areas adjacent to the CONSORT institutions. Because of this distribution CONSORT libraries provide depository services to adjacent communities regardless of Congressional District.

Collection Development

The documents departments of the four CONSORT Colleges are currently working on a consolidated collection which will serve the collective needs of the three U.S. Congressional Districts. This consolidated collection is shelved primarily in SuDoc order at all four libraries. This Collection Development statement serves as an interim policy until details of the consolidated collection can be finalized.

General priorities and limitations for selection of government publications for the four institutions include but are not limited to:

1. Primary emphasis in collection development is support for the undergraduate academic programs at the four CONSORT Colleges, faculty research, and the needs of the surrounding communities and their Congressional Districts.
2. Availability of CONSORT (our combined catalog), The Five Colleges of Ohio Consortium, OhioLINK, OCLC and the excellent cooperation with the Regional Depository are all considered when making collection development decisions.
3. Selection or weeding decisions are made in consultation with collection development librarians, liaison librarians, departmental and community contacts in keeping with local collection development practice.
4. Final selection and weeding decisions are made by the depository librarian in consultation with the depository librarians at the other CONSORT Colleges. Factors for consideration include:
 - a. Selection (see also No. 5 - 9)
 - i. Relevance to the local patron
 - ii. Compatibility with the consortium's total collections
 - iii. Degree of technicality
 - iv. Potential frequency of use and amount of shelf space required
 - v. Availability through cooperative networks
 - b. Weeding (see also No. 11)
 - i. All of the selection criteria
 - ii. Ephemeral material, not historically significant
 - iii. Damaged materials which are beyond repair
 - iv. Superseded, duplicates
5. Strong subject areas, both current and retrospective, will receive continuing support within the CONSORT Colleges. High use or historically important materials may be held at more than one location. Examples:
 - a. Subject area: Census
 - b. Historical: House Un-American Activities Committee
 - c. High Use: Statistical Abstract
6. Using both standard and non-standard selection tools, important materials that are either not selected or non-depository, will be acquired in support of the collection including commercial indexes. Examples:
 - a. Commercial and Government indexes

b. News media

7. Paper is preferred over microform for tangible materials in the permanent consolidated collection.
8. Electronic access is provided through the combined CONSORT Catalog.
9. Item selection is reviewed cooperatively and on an ongoing basis.
10. Materials are replaced or repaired as needed.
11. Superseding and weeding are done following the "List of Superseded Depository Documents," GPO's five year retention policy, and in accordance with the provisions of the "Depository Library Manual" after consultation within the consortium.
12. All four libraries have an open door policy. Collections are open and available during all hours of operation. Reference is universally available in person, online and via telephone. Circulation of documents is in accordance with local circulation policies. Please see depository access policies for details.