

## **I N B O T N**

Valdosta State University (VSU) offers a wide range of discipline-based and interdisciplinary academic programs leading to baccalaureate and master's degrees, as well as a range of professional programs leading to baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degrees. VSU offers a limited number of doctoral level programs. At VSU, a high priority is placed on developing and improving existing programs that aid the educational, economic, cultural, and social advancement of the region and with new programs in selected disciplines.

The purpose of Odum Library is to be a leading educational and cultural resource of the University. This statement of purpose is supported by the goals of student success, student engagement, regional engagement, and faculty/staff engagement.

The goal of the Library's collection development program is to develop and maintain a collection of materials that will further the purpose and mission of VSU by meeting the needs of its faculty and students. Our collection is shaped via a collaborative effort between librarians and teaching faculty. The primary emphasis of Odum's collection is on materials used by faculty in conducting research and preparing courses, as well as by students conducting research related to their course work.

Institutions offer a broad array of programs and are characterized by a research emphasis (albeit not as high as Research Universities).

The teacher preparation programs offered by the College of Education have been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) since 1960. The programs offered by the College of Business Administration, initiated in 1945, and by the College of Nursing, initiated in 1968, are currently accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the National League of Nursing, respectively. In addition, numerous other academic programs have attained accreditation from national professional organizations.

In conjunction with the creation of new colleges and programs at VSU and the increasing size and status of the University, the library has grown. In addition to providing the most recent resources in support of the University's present day programs, the general collection reflects the history and development of the University's academic offerings. The Library also maintains the Valdosta State University Archives, and a Special Collections of Georgiana, with a special emphasis on South Georgia.

## **COLLECT & DEVELOPMENT**

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Responsibility for selecting materials is shared by teaching faculty and librarians. Teaching faculty have the primary responsibility for recommending materials in their subject fields. Librarians are responsible for the overall quality and balance of the collection, and may select materials in all subject areas.

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After the beginning of each fiscal year, academic departments are allocated portions of the library materials budget. The amount departments receive combines a flat, "departmental" allocation and a variable "formula" allocation. The formula allocation combines demand factors (credit hours, weighted by lower division, upper division, or graduate) and price factors (national disciplinary price averages for serials and monographs).

University faculty then select materials for the Library's collection, based upon their anticipated teaching and research needs. Materials acquired with allocations from the library materials budget will be owned by the Library and maintained as a part of the appropriate Library collection (e.g., the Reference collection or Special Collections) as determined by Library policy.

Library allocations will not be used to purchase materials with specific equipment/hardware requirements that cannot be reasonably met on campus. The Library maintains a departmental liaison program whereby librarians provide guidance

## **GIFTS**

Gifts are accepted with the understanding that the Library may dispose of or add them to the collection at its discretion. At the time of donation, the donor may request that non-added material be returned. No other conditions will be accepted. Gifts are to be reviewed by the collection development librarian, who will make the final decision whether to add items to the collection or not. The acquisitions librarian will be notified of all gifts to Odum Library, and will send formal acknowledgement of gifts to the donor.

As a general rule, gifts will be added to the collection following the same selection criteria as purchased materials. The Library assumes no responsibility for appraisal of gifts. When a gift is accepted, it becomes the property of the Library, which will determine whether it is to be added to the collection, offered to another library or discarded. The Library will not accept gifts under restricted conditions.

Bookplates naming the donor or expressing a short dedication are available for gifts. If the donor wishes to remain anonymous, a nameless bookplate is placed inside of the book, designating it as a gift. If a donor wishes to claim a charitable deduction for income tax purposes, the donor is responsible for providing a detailed invent3 (s)40a8552 ( t)m (f)2 (t)



# WEEDING POLICY

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Weeding, or the removal of materials from the collection, is an integral aspect of collection management. The regular withdrawal of materials from the collection is a necessary part of the weeding process. The regular withdrawal of materials from the collection is a necessary part of the weeding process. The regular withdrawal of materials from the collection is a necessary part of the weeding process.

play it is no longer commercially available. Such items need not be weeded, but serious consideration should be given to discarding the item or replacing it with a newer, more accessible format.