

Collaborative Collection Development among SAALCK Libraries

The SAALCK Consortia Group seeks to offer and maintain a diverse, wide ranging collection to serve individual user groups and the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole. Member libraries are dedicated to sharing resources when appropriate to achieve efficient use of space, expand the range of materials available in the Commonwealth, and work collaboratively to strengthen local collections.

In light of this goal, the following guidelines are recommended to SAALCK libraries when making decisions about withdrawals from the library's collection or not adding gifts to the library's collection:

1. When withdrawing an item or deciding not to add a gift item to the collection if it falls into an area of emphasis of one of the other libraries, library staff should offer it to that library for a possible addition to its collection.
2. The libraries' areas of emphases should be maintained on the Collections Committee and SAALCK web sites.
3. Individuals that work with withdrawals and gifts should maintain an awareness of the areas of emphases of the SAALCK libraries.
4. The SAALCK Collection Committee's listserv may be used as the means of communication.
5. When a library is contacting another library about a title that might be of interest, full bibliographic information (title, author/s, publisher, date, and edition) should be included for each title and a deadline for a response be given.
6. This document will be edited as new collection interests are developed or discontinued, so please check for the latest edition.

The areas of emphasis of the libraries are:

EKU - Southeastern Kentucky culture & history, mining, education in southeastern Kentucky (moonlight schools, etc.)

KCTCS - Current practices at community college level; small-town Kentucky (especially areas around schools in the KCTCS system)

KSU - Africa; African-American (works by and about); aquaculture; local history of Frankfort/Franklin County and the adjacent counties

MoSU - Jesse Stuart, James Still, Appalachia, coal, tobacco, Daniel Boone National Forest, eastern & southeastern KY, Morehead KY, Morehead State, Cave Run Lake, folk art, traditional/bluegrass Music, rural health.

NKU - Ohio River Valley (especially northern Kentucky area); Kentucky military; Civil War; and Appalachia

UL - Cities; urban areas; city planning; Ohio River (especially Louisville area); Indiana/southern Indiana; and Louisville area local history

UK - Agriculture, equine science, Appalachian studies, KY politics, public policy, and government, KY artist books and printing, modern fine printing, sustainability, general KY history and culture

WKU - Cave and Karst studies, Shaker history and culture, western Kentucky regional history, folklore and general culture, hymnals, singing conventions, shape-note singing and genealogy

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