

Northwestern University Library Collection Development Policy Statement

Geology Library

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I. Brief overview of the collection

A. History of the collection

Not applicable

B. Broad subject areas emphasized or de-emphasized

Not applicable

C. Collection locations

The collection is located in the Geology Library, Locy Hall Room 101 and the Government Publications Department, Main Library (includes only United States Geological Survey publications, Illinois Geological Survey Publications, and geological map collections).

II. Purpose or objectives

This collection serves the current research and teaching needs of the Geological Sciences Department. It also serves some of the needs of related departments, particularly Civil Engineering and Anthropology.

III. Library unit or title of the selector responsible for this collection

Geology Librarian

IV. Scope of the subject coverage

A. Language

English (with minor exceptions)

B. Geographical scope

International

C. Chronological scope

Current materials as well as historical materials

D. Publication dates collected

Current

E. Formats and genres

1. Inclusions

Monographs and serials; includes electronic databases and electronic full-text journals.

2. Exclusions

Introductory (freshman-level) textbooks are rarely purchased.

Non-NU dissertations

V. Acquisitions procedures affecting collection policies

A. Standing Orders

A few monographic series are in standing orders.

B. Approval plans and blanket orders

A major vendor supplies notification slips for all titles fitting the Library's profile.

C. Gifts and exchanges

Occasionally gifts are received. The Library welcomes gifts that are of exceptional quality, within the collection's scope, do not duplicate current holdings, and that enhance and support teaching and research.

VI. Duplication with other NU library units

Minor duplication of titles exists with the Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science and Engineering (SEL).

VII. Expensive purchases

No expensive purchases have been made in recent years due to limited materials budget and limited library space.

VIII. Interdisciplinary collections

Interdisciplinary collections include geophysics, climatology, and paleontology in the Seeley G. Mudd Library for Science and Engineering.

IX. Purchases with endowed funds

Not applicable

X. Cooperation with other libraries

A. Other resources, including local, regional or national libraries

Agreements for on-site use of material, interlibrary loan and retention policies coordination are in place with the University of Chicago Crerar Library and other local libraries.

B. Consortia

See Introduction

XI. Policies for purchasing journal article reprints or electronic files on demand

Not in place at this time.

XII. Other factor of local importance

Not applicable

XIII. Collection levels

All Language Codes are E (English-only).

Conspectus subject categories	Current collecting intensity
Environmental and Theoretical Geochemistry	3
Geology, general	2
Mineral Physics and Petrology	2
Paleoclimatology and Paleoceanography	2
Paleoecology	2
Paleontology	3
Sedimentology and Stratigraphy	3
Seismology	3
Tectonics and Structural Geology	3