

Western Libraries Critical Collections

Current, Relevant Collections Crucial to Success in Learning and Research

Western Libraries serves students, staff, faculty and the community by providing the information they require for learning, teaching, research and scholarship. To ensure that users find the resources they need – at any time, from anywhere – library holdings must be cutting edge, continually refreshed and maintained, and in electronic format.

Moreover, due to the demanding nature of graduate student and faculty research projects, Western Libraries must provide access to collections that are much more specialized than those typically used by undergraduates.

Working Together to Preserve and Cultivate Our Collections

We turn to our friends and alumni to help us nurture and grow our collections through the creation of designated funds and named endowments.

Your support of print and electronic collections will empower Western Libraries to maintain the requisite level of materials, preserving its reputation as a leader in both teaching and research resources.

We are committed to raising **\$1,000,000 in expendable and endowed funds** to enrich and preserve collections as wide ranging as books, periodicals, journals, microforms, audio and video materials.

Endowments Make A Difference

Endowments support and sustain, not only print and electronic collections, but also key positions for highly trained librarians and archivists, and can fund stimulating lecture series and exhibits for both the student population and the London community.

Overall support of our collections will help us to:

- Safeguard the leadership and expertise to maintain Western Libraries' prominence and the relevance of its resources for students, researchers, and members of the community
- Ensure strong collections are available to attract and support faculty and students in an increasingly competitive, global market
- Address the growing, expansive information needs of graduate students, faculty, alumni and community members
- Liberate, through the acquisition of electronic collections, physical space for research laboratories and learning commons
- Support emerging areas of knowledge or education "markets" as identified by experts
- Provide greater access to collections that have traditionally had limited availability



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Western Libraries

is renowned for
its outstanding collections—
which include over 9.5 million
items in print, microform, and
various other formats.

Special collections
of note include:

The James M. Good Wordsworth-Coleridge Collection

This collection, donated by former Western English professor Dr. James Good and his wife, Eva, features a rare 1798 edition of Wordsworth's and Coleridge's *Lyrical Ballads*, a highly influential text in the literary history of Romanticism. This collection also contains Wordsworth's *Poems in Two Volumes* (1807) and Coleridge's *Sibylline Leaves: A Collection of Poems* (1817).

The Dr. Eddy Smet Collection of Comic Books

A unique and refreshing collection, comprised of over 4000 issues, including bound reprint issues, graphic novels and comic book reference works.



Recognition

Named endowments can be created by one transformational donor, or by a variety of donors. Associated naming opportunities exist at various giving levels, which we would be happy to discuss in further detail.

Make A Difference

Your support of Western Libraries' collections will enhance the value of the past, present and future collections, ensuring we continue to provide the critical resources required by our faculty, students, staff, and members of the community.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

To learn more about supporting our collections, and how Western is educating the next generation of global leaders, please contact:

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