

Anthropology Collection Assessment
Houston Cole Library
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Introduction

Based on the guidelines provided by the OCLC/WLN Collection Assessment Service, which provides a framework within which to evaluate a Library's current holdings and the level of activity which the collection is being developed, the Anthropology collection is rated and overall 3bP, Intermediate or Instructional Support Level. The increase since the last assessment can be attributed to the availability of, and access to journals in the discipline.

As of the date of this assessment, the Anthropology collection contains 4275 print and 222 e-book titles classified in GN-GT and BJ 1801-2194 (which was not included in previous assessments). Inclusion of the BJ subclass aligns more closely with conspectus data and provides a more accurate representation of the collection. This total reflects a **24.3%** increase in the collection since the last assessment (**23%** without the addition of items in the BJ subclass).

The number of titles for each subclass is listed below. Detailed breakdowns are available on request:

LC CLASS	Category	Print Holdings	E-Books	Totals
GN	Anthropology	2,368	117	2,480
GR	Folklore	831	40	869
GT	Manners & Customs	938	56	1,008
BJ 1801-2194*	Social Usages, Etiquette	138	9	148
Totals		4,275	222	4,505

* Not included in previous assessment

Expenditures

Combined serial and monograph expenditures for the Geography/Anthropology collection (statistics are not collected for the two subjects separately) for the 2009/10-2015/16 academic years was \$74,071.41. This a 23% decrease as compared to the previous assessment.

Note the expenditures for the general databases are not included in this figure.

Monograph/Serials Expenditures 2009-2016			
Fiscal Year	Monograph	Serials	Combined
2009/10	\$10,551.57	\$3,813.72	\$14,365.29
2010/11	\$7,100.28	\$3,289.28	\$10,389.56
2011/12	\$6,948.85	\$3,062.28	\$10,011.13
2012/13	\$7,352.12	\$3,280.82	\$10,632.94
2013/14	\$5,942.47	\$2,849.76	\$8,792.23
2014/15	\$9,856.75	\$1,152.23	\$11,008.98
2015/16	\$7,561.93	\$1,309.35	\$8,871.28
Total	\$55,313.97	\$18,757.44	\$74,071.41

Books

The Library's collecting level was measured against the Comprehensive New Title List (NTL) compiled by book distributor Yankee Book Peddler (YBP). The average percentage added from 2012/13 to 2015/16 was 9.7%. Data for 2009/10-2011/12 is not available

This rate indicates an acquisitions activity level required to maintain support for current undergraduate curricular needs.

Monograph titles added by class range: GN,GR,GT			
	# Added	YBP NTL	% Collected
2009/10	43	NA	NA
2010/11	39	NA	NA
2011/12	45	NA	NA
2012/13	47	484	9.7%
2013/14	48	570	8.4%
2014/15	41	512	8.0%
2015/16	63	569	11.1%
TOTAL	326 (comprehensive total) 199 (excludes 2009/10-2011/12)	2,135	9.3% (from available stats)

Bibliographies including *Choice's* Outstanding Academic Titles (OATs) and *Resources for College Libraries* were used to measure the quality of the Library's collection. In checking the bibliographies against the Library's catalog, the following percentages were revealed in the subject area of Anthropology.

<i>Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles 2010-2016</i>			
Year	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
2010	7	12	58.3%
2011	10	11	91%
2012	8	12	75%
2013	9	13	69%
2014	11	16	69%
2015	7	11	64%
2016	8	11	73%
Total	60	86	70%

<i>Resources for College Libraries 2010- 2017</i>			
LC Class	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
GN	221	614	36%
GR	47	108	44%
GT	54	137	39%
BJ 1801-2194	3	5	60%
Total	325	864	38%

Periodicals and Serials

Examination of the catalog and physical location shows 1 active print subscription (Human Organization).

Full Text Finder indicates that 244 journals in anthropology and 40 in folklore are available through subscription databases. Use the following links to view the full lists:

Anthropology: <http://bit.ly/2n8iS41>

Folklore: <http://bit.ly/2u5wCPt>

The Library Catalog and Publication Finder holdings were compared against the 2015 edition of *Magazines for Libraries (MfL)* in the areas of Anthropology and Folklore. We currently carry 60% of the journals listed in *MfL*

Access to Electronic Resources (Defined Access)

Access is provided to an extensive collection of remotely accessible electronic resources, including bibliographic tools, texts, indexes, journals, etc. A listing of subject specific databases may be viewed at: <http://libguides.jsu.edu/az.php?s=30427>. In addition to subject specific databases, the Library provides access to a range of general purpose databases. A listing of these databases may be viewed at: <http://libguides.jsu.edu/az.php?s=26297>. Many electronic journals are accessible through the on-line catalog which provides full bibliographic information for each title.

Titles available through databases, e-book collections, appropriate websites, documents, and e-journals accessible to the JSU community are available through the Library's Discovery service and journal index found on the Library's Homepage.

There is no current subject specific LibGuide available for Anthropology.

Preservation

Damaged items are routinely sent for repair. Missing items are replaced when possible and appropriate by the original titles. If the original title is no longer available, a subject appropriate title is purchased. Please see the table below for the withdrawals.

Withdrawals

Call #	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	TOTAL
GN-GT	0	1	2	0	1	25	0	29

Supplemental Support

The Anthropology collection is supported by the following related subject collections: Geography, Biology, Sociology, History, Auxiliary Sciences of History, and General Works.

LC Class/Subclass	Subject	Print Holdings (3/2017)
G-GF	Geography	6,634
QH	Biology	6,509
D, E	History (World, U.S.)	89,065
HM-HT	Sociology	22,045
C-CT	Auxiliary Sciences of History	3,976
A-AZ	General Works	9,800
	Total	138,029

Summary

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and quantitative and qualitative comparisons indicate that the Anthropology collection is adequate to support coursework for a minor in Anthropology or the Geoarchaeology concentration within the Geography major. This collection also supports select courses for the minors in Family and Consumer Sciences and Drama.

Strengths:

The Anthropology collection has continued to grow at a reasonable pace. While the dollar total for monograph expenditures has decreased, the total number of monographs acquired has risen.

After review of appropriate bibliographies, the percentage of Outstanding Academic Titles is excellent and percentage for core collection items as defined by RCL is respectable.

The number and variety of periodicals available electronically is substantial. The quality of the periodicals collection has been verified by the solid percentage (60%) of titles held when compared to *Magazines for Libraries-2015*.

Weaknesses:

As the collection is intended to support an Anthropology minor and related programs, focus should be placed on core collections. As noted previously, percentages in core collections as defined by RCL are respectable, but we have room for improvement, especially in GN classification.

Also, access to and promotion of these resources may be limited due in part to the lack a subject specific guide.

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the Anthropology Collection should be maintained in order to continue providing support for the minor in Anthropology. The monograph collection should be generally increased, based on budget, with a strong focus on core and outstanding titles. The periodical collection available via databases is substantial and should be maintained.

The creation and promotion of a subject specific guide would be beneficial in raising the profile of this part of the collection and is highly suggested.