

Executive Summary
Family and Consumer Sciences Collection Assessment

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INTRODUCTION

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HOLDINGS

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

FCS are interdisciplinary subjects that extend beyond the boundaries of the discipline. Supplemental support for research includes a wide range of subject areas, including the holdings in the related subject collections of Agriculture; Chemistry; Commerce and Business Administration; Education; Fine Arts; General Works; History; Medicine; Science; and Technology.

Number of titles held for support subdivisions outside the FCS Classifications

Classification	Category	Totals
GT	Manners and Costume	1,061
HD	Economic History and Conditions	23,308
K	Hotels-Law and Legislation	8
SB	Plant Culture	2,965
SF	Animal Culture	1,129
SH	Aquaculture	417

TITLES ADDED/TITLES PUBLISHED

Below is a comparison of the number of book titles added to the Houston Cole Library collection versus those made available for sale each fiscal year through GOBI.

Monographs Added Versus Published Comparison

Fiscal Year	Added to Collections TT-TX	New Title Reports: All Publishers*	Percentage
Year 2022 - 2023	5**	Not Available	Not Available
Year 2021 - 2022	51	485	10.5%
Year 2020 - 2021	53	495	10.7%
Year 2019 - 2020	46	795	5.8%
Year 2018 - 2019	74	785	9.4%
Year 2017 - 2018	90	487	18.5%
Total	314	3,047	10.3%

*GOBI New Titles Report

https://www.gobi3.com/StaticContent/GOBIContent/YBP/Private/Help/Pages/newtitlereport_us.html

**The figure is not complete for the current fiscal year, so it is not included in the totals.

CHECKLIST SUMMARIES

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 Family and Consumer Sciences.

OATs 2011- 2023 (Print & Ebooks)*			
Year & Call Number Ranges	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
2021			
RA 601-645.3	1	3	33.3%
RC 633-951	1	1	100.0%
2011-2020			33.3%
RA 601-645.3	2	5	40.0%
TX	3	4	75.0%
Total	7	13	53.8%

*Choice Outstanding Academic Titles from Gobi <https://gobi3.com/hx/Falcon.ashx?location=spotlightlists>

Resources for College Libraries Titles 2018-2023			
Subject (LC Class)	Collected	Listed	Percentage Held
Early Childhood Education (LB 1139) & Preschool Education (LB1140)	2	4	50.0%
Decorative arts (NK)	8	16	50.0%
Handicrafts (TT1-999)	1	2	50.0%
Domestic Engineering (TX1-1110)	18	28	64.3%
Total	29	50	58.0%

WITHDRAWALS

As currency of information is important in the FCS collection, older books are withdrawn on a regular basis or as newer editions supersede them, and new books are ordered to fill gaps as curriculum requirements change. The table below shows withdrawals from the TT-TX classifications.

Fiscal Year	TR, TT-TX Titles Withdrawn
2022-2023*	1
2021-2022	2
2020-2021	9
2019-2020	8
2018-2019	33
2017-2018	13
Total	66

*2022-2023 stats are through 1st quarter (October- December 2022) only.

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The following indexes and bibliographies were checked against the Library's holdings for serial titles pertaining to FCS, revealing the corresponding percentages quantitatively and qualitatively:

Titles	Collected	Listed	Percent Held
<i>Magazines for Libraries</i> , 2019 ed. Subjects included: Beer, Wine, and Spirits; Cooking and Cookery; Crafts and Making; Do-It-Yourself/Makers; Family; Fashion and Lifestyle; Food and Nutrition; Food Industry; Home; Hospitality/Restaurant; and Interior Design and Decoration	93	180	51.7%
<i>SJR: Scientific Journal Rankings 2021</i> in: Aging; Food Science; Life Span and Life-course Studies; Nutrition and Dietetics; and Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality Management	469	688	68.2%

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Through partnerships, such as the one with the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), the Library is able to obtain more content. Resources provided to the Library by the AVL are designated with the AVL icon.

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SUMMARY

Strengths:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluation and checklist comparisons indicate the overall FCS collection is adequate to support the curriculum. Of particular note on the conspectus worksheet are the holdings in the subject areas of: Decorative Arts (NK); Physiology (QP141-772), Food Processing and Manufacturing (TP 365-659), Textile Industries (TS1300-1865), Handicrafts, Arts & Crafts (TT), and Domestic Engineering (TX).

New titles were added to 7 out of 11 sub-categories under TT and 18 out of 25 sub-categories under TX. The following sub-categories are strong:

- Arts & Crafts (TT1-160);
- Woodworking. Furniture making. Upholstery (TT180-203);
- Clothing Manufacture, Dressmaking, Merchandising (TT490-695);
- Home Arts. Homecrafts. Including sewing, embroidery, decorative crafts (TT697-927);
- Home Economics (TX 1-300);
- Nutrition, Food & Food Supply (General) (TX 341-355);
- Nutrition Policy (TX 359-360);
- Nutrition – Animal & Vegetable Foods (TX 501-549);
- Dietary Studies. Food Values (TX551-560);

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- Cookery-Cookbooks by Region & Country (TX715-725);
- Cookery – Menus, Bills of Fare, etc. (TX 727-739);
- Cookery – By ingredient or Technique (TX 740-846);
- Hotel/Restaurant, Food Service (General) (TX 901-912); and
- Hotel/Restaurant, Food Service – Operations (TX 921-946).

The sub-category Consumer Nutrition (TX356) has been improved since the last assessment.

The number of ebook titles in the TT-TX call number range changed dramatically with the addition of over 700 titles since the last assessment.

A review of the journal holdings reveals that the FCS collection is more than adequate to support the curriculum.

Weaknesses:

Total holdings, conspectus evaluations, and checklist comparisons indicate that the weakest areas of the FCS subject are Clothing (TX 340) and Dining Room Service (TX851-885).

Recommendations:

The growth rate of the FCS collection should be maintained to continue providing support for the Family and Consumer Sciences, Child Development, Community Nutrition, Dietetics, Human Sciences, Merchandising, and Hospitality & Culinary Management concentrations in FCS. 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 weak subject areas (noted above) should also be addressed in future additions to the collection.