

Collecting Methods

Responsibility for collecting materials for Special Collections rests among members of the department who, to complement their own subject expertise often consult with resource specialists elsewhere within the Binghamton University Libraries. The Head of Special Collections is responsible for the general supervision and coordination of collection development activities.

Donation is the preferred method of acquisition for Special Collections, which solicits gifts of materials from individuals and organizations.

When materials are not available through gifts, acquisitions may be through the purchase of items selected from dealer catalogs, by way of auctions, and from private individuals or organizations. Purchases are funded by endowment income, gifts, and library appropriations.

Subject Areas Collected

Collecting areas are regularly reviewed and modified. As circumstances change, the collecting

Faculty Publications

Existing Collection Strengths: The Faculty Archives contains books written, translated or edited by Binghamton University faculty.

Faculty Papers

Existing Collection Strengths: The William Klenz Collection; The Professor John H. Hagan Collection; The Lofton Mitchel Collection; The Immanuel Wallerstein Papers.

Current Collecting Focuses: Papers of present and former Binghamton University faculty members.

Local History

Existing Collection Strengths: The Link Collections [The Edwin A. Link, Jr. Collection, The Marion Clayton Link Papers, The Marilyn Calms Collection, The Link Foundation Papers, The Link-Hughes/L-3 Collection, The Link-Roberson Collection, The Link Community Collection]; The Medical History Collection [Binghamton General Hospital Collection]; Records of the Anitec Corporation; The Broome County Peace Action Collection; Local Business and Professional Women's [BPW] Collections; Local Post Card Collection; The David Bernstein Papers; The Lamont Montgomery Bowers Papers; The Charles Monroe Dickinson Papers; The Daniel S. Dickinson Statue Papers, The MacDonald Collection, The Mark Kulikowski Collection.

Current Collecting Focuses: Papers and published works of locally important figures, organizations and groups; secondary works that document the culture, society, life, physical and human environment of the local area.

Noteworthy collections include The William J. Haggerty Collection of French Colonial History; The Archibald Howard Collection; The George Hinman Collection; The Herbert Reichner Collection; The H. Warner Waid Collection; The Yi-t'ung Wang Collection; The East Asian Collection; The Allan Rogg Collection of Modern Cinema.

Current Collecting Focuses: Rare books that support the research needs of Binghamton University's faculty and students by collecting in areas that represent ongoing departmental