The OK Library has a strong history of faculty who participate actively in collection development. All academic departments and selected programs receive annual allocations from the library’s operating budget for the purchase of books, videos, DVDs, and other information resources necessary to support the curriculum in relevant academic disciplines. All materials purchased with their library allocations are cataloged and added to the library’s collection.
:: A Blessing and a Curse
A 2011 assessment of the collection showed evidence of years of neglect beyond the 2009 closing of the college. Items were piled in boxes, volumes lying on the floor covered in dust and debris, evidence of water damage and mold were everywhere in the building. On the first visual assessment the conclusion was obvious, “beyond the dirt, confusion, and mold this is a gem of a collection.” The strength of the collection development of the library over the years was its ILL statistics; a highly used collection in Ohio, North America, and beyond. This gave way to an epiphany statement on the library’s collection development: “a blessing and curse.” A blessing that no weeding occurred as rare first editions and classic volumes were part of the collection and a curse because no significant weeding ever occurred and the collection was tired and old.

:: Collection Development Project

Objective: to review every item (paper/media/electronic) in the library.

Goals:
- inventory every item in the library and evaluate its condition, circulation, and curricular relevance.
- to obtain 35% shelf capture to accommodate new growth
- have an accurate inventory of materials available.

Results:
- more academic relevant collection which reflects the current Antioch College.
- repaired worn materials, gain shelf space for growth, provide for a better physical environment for preservation of the colleges’ investment and access to information for future generations.

:: Phases of the project

1. 2011 : Evaluation of Collection (complete)
3. 2011- : Evaluation of Circulating Collection
4. 2013- : Evaluation of Special Collections
5. 2015- : Evaluation of Electronic Collections

:: Update (Summer 2011 – Spring 2016)

Completed:
- a review of our general circulating collection
  - Resources-our shelf list / OhioLINK / OPAL
- numerical analysis of materials and analytical review of each item
- Still working on periodical collection (paper) analysis

Result: Assessment review included in this report

Next Step (Phase 2):
- Review other circulating collections