

Butler University Libraries
Collections Policy

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Purpose

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The Libraries are tasked with providing materials to support the current instructional and general information needs of Butler students and faculty.. This task can be accomplished both by acquiring materials a

The Libraries encourage the purchase of e-books where appropriate, both for the shelving and access advantages they offer. The Libraries will work with a limited number of e-book vendors both to maintain fewer platforms and also to not deal with publishers or vendors that engage in business practices that discourage equitable and fair access. In cases where multiple access

of the Libraries, we will most often fall on the side of access in the “Ownership vs. Access” debate.

Video

The Libraries purchase DVDs to support all curricular areas, and will also license streaming access to individual titles if the license can be obtained for full campus access. The Library does not negotiate rights to rip DVD content to Butler’s streaming server, or license access to streaming content hosted on a 3rd party server that is restricted to a single Butler course. The Libraries also license subscription access to packages of streaming academic video content, and where streaming access to a work is available, we will not purchase an additional DVD
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Legal and other Principles

The Libraries abide by U.S. Copyright Law at all times and will not add items to the collection that have been created in violation of the law.

The Libraries, as an institutional member of the American Library Association, subscribe to the tenets of the ALA's [Library Bill of Rights](#)

Gift Policy

In accordance with our desire to maximize the benefit of Butler University Libraries to our patrons, we have es