

Canadian Circumpolar Collection - Collection Policy

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This policy adheres to the guiding principles of the University of Alberta Libraries' Collection Development Policy, and should be read in conjunction with that general policy. This policy provides additional details specific to the Cameron Science & Technology Library.

About the Canadian Circumpolar Collection

The Canadian Circumpolar Collection (formerly the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies Library) collects materials related to the Circumpolar north, the northern portion of the Canadian provinces, Canadian aboriginal peoples, and all aspects of the Antarctic. The primary clientele of the Canadian Circumpolar Collection are the students, faculty, staff and researchers at the University of Alberta. The multidisciplinary focus of the collection crosses over many faculties and departments on campus, and in particular, the **Canadian Circumpolar Institute**. Services are also supplied to off-campus researchers ranging from NEOS partners, other post secondary institutions, government, business and the general public.

Collection Overview

This is a multidisciplinary collection of materials covering subject areas related to cold regions including: the earth sciences, the life sciences, engineering and technology, renewable and non-renewable resources, government, economic and social conditions, land use, Polar native peoples including the Ainu of Japan, archaeology, history, art and literature. Materials related to marine mammals, snow, ice, and alpine environments are also specifically collected. The Canadian Circumpolar Collection reflects the diverse research interests of polar-oriented researchers.

As well as acquiring current publications, the Canadian Circumpolar Library continues to expand its strong historical collection of materials related to northern expeditions and the history of Canada's north by purchasing from antiquarian book dealers and accepting donations.

Physical format is not a primary criterion for the collection of materials in the Canadian Circumpolar Collection. The Library collects material in paper format, microfilm, microfiche, videos, kits, and electronic formats.