

John W. Scott Health Sciences Library - 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 John W. Scott Health Sciences Library.

About the John W. Scott Health Sciences Library

The Scott Library supports the teaching and research needs of the University of Alberta community, and in particular the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nursing, Rehabilitation Medicine, and the School of Public Health. The library serves faculty, researchers, and students in these various health disciplines.

Collection overview

All types and formats of materials are considered for inclusion in the Scott Library collections. Collection development focuses on subject coverage that reflects the teaching and current research foci within the various health faculties it serves. The library's Rawlinson Rare Book Collection supports history of medicine research, with a particular emphasis on Western Canadian medical history.

The Scott Library prioritizes the acquisition of current electronic materials, as these support remote use by our primary audience. This is of primary importance to health sciences students as they complete the clinical placement components of their studies. Preference is also given to electronic products that provide optimized access for mobile devices.