

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Libraries

UC Print Futures

WHY LIBRARIES COLLABORATE TO PRESERVE AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO PRINT COLLECTIONS

In support of the UC Libraries' vision "to be leaders in providing the broadest access to the world's knowledge," we embrace intentional, collaborative, and responsive approaches to shaping the future(s) of our university's vast and valuable print book and journal collections in support of the research and teaching needs of our users and the broader scholarly community.

No individual library can single handedly collect and house research-level collections across the board. To address this issue, UC Libraries align themselves with peer institutions and are on the cutting edge of collection management and development by intentionally establishing systemwide guidelines for this work. With vibrant local print collections as the foundation, collaborative management serves as the sustainable path forward for accessible and comprehensive print collections.

HOW THIS COLLABORATION BENEFITS RESEARCH AND TEACHING

1. **More and unique content:** By working together and with external library partners in the management and sharing of print collections, UC Libraries make broader and more diverse collections available.
2. **Seamless discovery and access:** With UC Library Search, users can seamlessly discover and borrow print materials across the 10 campuses and two Regional Library Facilities.
3. **Preserved and available into the future:** The state of the art UC Regional Library Facilities extend the life of print materials and ensure future access to the scholarly record.

We value...	Therefore...
Preservation of the scholarly record.	We intentionally retain and preserve print materials in our local campus and regional storage facilities and invest in partnerships where complementary print materials are retained.
User-centered approaches to collections.	We work to make the one UC collection equally discoverable and accessible to all our users and respond to library service and collections needs.
Equity, diversity, and inclusion.	We collaborate to represent diverse collections in shared print initiatives and secure widely held materials in order to facilitate campus collecting in diverse and unique areas.
Sustainability.	We share the responsibility across our system to preserve and provide access to print collections and we work with external partners to broaden our scope.

For more information, please visit the website (<https://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-print-futures>) or you are welcome to send questions and feedback to alison.wohlers@ucop.edu.