University of Sussex Library

Legacy Collection Policy

1. Purpose of the policy

The policy provides a framework for the management of the Library’s Legacy Collection within the context of the Library’s Content Strategy.

2. Scope

The Legacy Collection forms part of the Heritage Collections at the University of Sussex Library that comprise:

- The Legacy Collection
- Special Collections
- University Archives

The Legacy Collection comprises distinct printed materials that may be unique or rare, but that fall outside of the University’s Special Collections holdings. Strengths of the collection lie in the areas of:

- Gender Studies and Feminism
- Popular and Counter Cultures
- Post WW2 World Order
- Political movements and parties
- Trade Unions
- Social Movements
- Social Welfare

3. Collection development

The Legacy collection will not be actively developed as a live collection. Material may be added from elsewhere in the Library’s collections through collaborative collection development schemes. We will consider the addition of items that fall under the broad headings listed above.

Disposal

The Library holds the right to dispose of any materials that are not considered suitable for permanent retention. We reserve the right to transfer materials to a more appropriate collection should circumstances change and in the light of professional advice.

Conservation

As appropriate we will look after our Legacy materials. Any items that are too fragile for general Library use will be considered for transfer to the University’s Special Collections at the Keep.

4. Access

Legacy items are for use inside the Library building and the Keep by prior arrangement.
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