



Library

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT: Government Information

Components of collection management include: **budgeting, collection development, collection evaluation, deselection, collection preservation**, and the development of guidelines and procedures related to these activities. The University Librarian is responsible for managing the collection in collaboration with the librarians.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library adheres to the Association of College and Research Libraries' recognized guidelines for resource management outlined in **Standards for Libraries in Higher Education**.

In these guidelines, the term 'collection' refers to all materials held within Library-managed accommodation, and to the electronic resources to which the Library provides access.

Government Information

The Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library acquires and maintains a collection of government publications and other resources from the following jurisdictions (in order of priority):

- Canadian Federal Government
- British Columbia Government
- Local municipal governments / regional authorities
- Other Canadian Provincial / Territorial Governments
- United States Government, international governments and organizations

The government information collection includes print materials, electronic data products, online databases, and catalogued links to government websites. Most government information is now "born digital" and is made freely available through government websites. However, some publications and products are not freely available. Liaison librarians identify government resources of interest in their subject areas and recommend titles to the librarian responsible for managing the Government Information budget. The criteria used in selecting government information resources is the same as the criteria for other material acquired for the Library.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library was a selective depository library for Canadian federal government publications under Depository Services Program (DSP) for many years. The federal government officially ceased printing publications in 2014 and the DSP ceased shortly thereafter.

The Library is no longer required to follow the former DSP Guidelines on the retention and disposition of documents received through this program. The majority of the Statistics Canada print Census publications are at the Surrey Campus library.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University Library is a member of the Statistics Canada Data Liberation Initiative (DLI). With this program, Statistics Canada allows the students, faculty and staff of KPU to access numerous Statistics Canada public-use microdata files (PUMFs), survey data and geographic files which are not freely and/or readily available.