

Building Collections and Scholarly Resources for East Asian Studies

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Changes shaping the landscape for today's collection development

- **“Information explosion” in the digital era**
- **Alternative information sources and multiple providers**
- **Budget constraints/weakening dollar**
- **Higher expectation from users**

Issues and guiding principles still valid for today's collection development

- **Library's mission**
- **Collection is the foundation of a research library**
- **Issues of balance**
 - **ownership vs. access**
 - **quantity vs. quality**
 - **short vs. long-term needs**

What constitute a good collection for today's East Asian library

A collection:

- ❑ best serving the campus programs
- ❑ with strong core references and rich primary resources
- ❑ combines the strengths of print and digital resources
- ❑ with distinguished/in depth characteristics
- ❑ with easy access bibliographically and physically

Recommendations for today's collection development

- **Maximize the resources and the benefit of selection for a mixed collection**
- **Commit on continuation and consistency for in-depth collection building**
- **Develop/enhance collaborations with peers, vendors, and publishers**
- **Expand knowledge of resources beyond our own collection**

Thank you !

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