



Content and Collection Strategy

Our Purpose and Key Objectives

The HKBU Library's Content and Collections Strategy guides the systematic selection, management, and sharing of our diverse resources. We are committed to supporting teaching, learning, and research excellence by facilitating knowledge discovery and preserving the University's intellectual and cultural heritage. Through active collaboration with the HKBU community, we ensure our collections remain a dynamic and essential foundation for academic success, guided by transparent principles and best practices.

Key Strategic Aims:

- Support teaching, learning, and research excellence
- Facilitate knowledge discovery and resource sharing
- Preserve and showcase institutional heritage and intellectual output

Collection Building and Management

HKBU Library adopts a systematic, “digital first” approach to building and maintaining its collections, prioritizing online formats to enhance access. By following established guidelines, we ensure our resources meet academic needs and remain flexible to emerging trends.

- Guided by the [Library Materials Selection and Retention Guidelines](#)
- Emphasizes acquiring relevant, high-quality, and cost-effective resources
- Criteria include alignment with curricula, research focus, stakeholder feedback, and long-term viability
- Leverage demand-driven and evidence-based acquisition (DDA/EBA) models to ensure our collections directly reflect real-time user needs, maximizing the value of our investment
- Accept donations that align with our academic priorities and collection strengths, following the clear guidelines outlined in our [General Library Donations Policy](#) regarding submission, evaluation, and disposition of materials
- Materials may be replaced or withdrawn based on relevance and overall value. See [Approach to collection rightsizing](#)

Library collections request a significant ongoing financial commitment. Recognizing that the escalating costs of traditional "Big Deal" journal packages are unsustainable, we have diversified our strategies. This includes a strategic shift toward transformative agreements (TAs), which support the University's commitment to open scholarship by enabling HKBU

researchers to publish their work open access free of charge. This enhances the visibility of HKBU research while ensuring broader, more equitable access to knowledge.

Library In-House Developed Resources

HKBU Library creates unique platforms and curates content that showcase the University's scholarly and creative output, representing both its intellectual and cultural heritage and that of local communities. We strive to make these resources open access for broad visibility and emphasize organizational and curatorial processes that add meaningful context and value to the collections.

- [Chinese Medicine Library Digital Projects](#) – Specialized digital initiatives highlighting traditional knowledge
- [Digital Scholarship Projects](#) – Innovative collaborations with individual faculty members, showcasing research excellence and creativity
- [eJournals@HKBU](#) – A dedicated platform for open access academic journals published by the University, supporting knowledge sharing
- [HKBU Heritage](#) – Repository for staff and student creative outputs, preserving key institutional works
- [HKBU Scholars](#) – A digital archive showcasing research publications and academic contributions by staff and students, offering access to selected full-text.
- [HKBUtube](#) – Channel featuring academic talks and lectures for broader dissemination
- [HKBU Undergraduate Honor Projects](#) – Exemplary student work contributing to the collective knowledge base
- [Special Collections and Archives](#) – Rare and historical materials of local and university significance

HKBU Library leverages contemporary technology, partnerships, and best practices to preserve these resources, ensuring stable, long-term access that supports teaching, learning, and research, while furthering our strategic focus on “Connecting Heritage to Community” and “Enhancing Research Visibility”.

Roles and Responsibilities

Effective collection management requires collaboration. Library teams collaborate closely with faculty and academic departments to ensure our resources align with pedagogical and research trends. We also partner with external consortia and donors to broaden resource availability and engage with University governance to ensure alignment with institutional priorities. Transparent communication with all stakeholders remains central to our accountability and success.

Elevating Collection Value for the Wider Community

HKBU Library's collections transcend mere acquisition, aiming to empower both the academic community and the broader public. By connecting diverse perspectives and

championing knowledge sharing, we serve as a hub of interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation.

- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Resources spanning multiple disciplines, cultural contexts, and formats to reflect global voices
- **Community Engagement:** Partnerships with local organizations to promote lifelong learning and knowledge equity
- **Preservation and Access:** Sustaining cultural heritage digitally and physically for present and future generations
- **Social Responsibility:** Encouraging open access initiatives that spark equitable scholarly exchange across communities

Moving Forward

Aligned with the Library's 2025–28 Strategic Priorities, we are committed to shaping the future of scholarship. We embrace innovation and integrate AI into our practices to enhance collection discovery and efficiency, while ensuring our services remain ethical and user-centered. Simultaneously, we will champion the unrestricted use of Text and Data Mining (TDM) across all collections, asserting it as a fundamental right for advancing research and innovation.

Our commitment extends to fostering a more open scholarly environment. We will continue to challenge restrictive publisher practices by prioritizing sustainable open access models, including Transformative Agreements. These actions dismantle financial barriers, maximize the global visibility of HKBU research, and promote a culture where knowledge is a shared public good. Through these focused commitments, the Library reaffirms its role as an essential partner in the future of teaching, learning, and research.

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