

**Library Self-study
Report from Non-departmental Areas**

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Collection Development
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1) Description of supporting service or function

- Collection Development supports the planned development of a quality collection of materials to meet the educational needs of students and faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, as guided by the missions of the University System, the University, and the University Library.
- Details about the Library's Collection Development Policy and procures are on the web at <http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/colldev.htm>. The policy outlines selection criteria and standards used in the acquisition of all library resources.
- Library faculty work together with campus faculty to: 1) choose new materials for the collection, 2) select/review periodical subscriptions, 3) cull obsolete volumes, and 4) select databases.
- Librarians and campus faculty jointly share the responsibility for selection of library materials. Each department is assigned a librarian who acts as liaison and each department selects a library representative to coordinate acquisitions for that department (<http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/lia.htm>). Librarians use *Choice* and other information to help identify materials in various formats for possible purchase and share discipline related information with department faculty.
- E-Resources: (for a list of electronic databases see <http://library.uwsp.edu> and select "Browse Databases A-Z")
 - UW System Shared Electronic Collections (SEC) funds many licensed e-resources that are available locally.
 - UW-Madison agreements provide other licensed e-resources.
 - State of Wisconsin's contracts with certain vendors fund additional resources.
 - The UWSP Library also arranges and pays for some licenses through the Wisconsin Library Services (WiLS) consortium and others are purchased directly from vendors (see attachment 1).
 - UWSP Information Technology Student Fees provided for the first time in fiscal 2008 special funding support to the Library, to be reviewed annually.
- Acquisitions Budget (see attachment 2 for 2008 budget and reports for the past five fiscal years)
 - During the past 5 years, the Library's Acquisitions Budget has become increasingly stressed. The Library is coping with relentless inflation in the cost of library materials in all formats, particularly periodical and serial subscriptions (often exceeding 10% annually) and licensed electronic resources (prices increasing 5-10% annually). The budget line for print monographs and non-print (Faculty Orders) has declined proportionately to cover these escalating costs. The Library has repeatedly cut high cost/low use periodicals and cut approximately \$40,000 in periodicals subscriptions in 2005-06. It is continuing a review to migrate print subscriptions to electronic format, and a project this year (2007-2008) will largely reduce duplication in print and electronic formats. A reduced ability to purchase new materials causes the book collection to become out-of-date. Positives are new programs in resource sharing among UW libraries and the increasing ability to provide journals and other information in electronic form. While Library Dynamics software (details in this

report under "Special Projects") should aid in collection analysis, the lack of budget increases continues to hinder growth and threaten collection development.

- The 2007/2008 library base acquisitions budget is \$701,876 (see attachment 2). The acquisitions budget consists of allocations to academic departments (Faculty Orders); library department collections; serial and periodical continuations; electronic collections (including web indexes and databases), and a number of smaller item lines.
 - On an annual basis each academic department is allocated funds to purchase monographs and AV materials for the University Library. This allocation is based on a formula combining a base allocation and the elements of number of faculty, SCHs, majors, minors, graduate students, and cost of U.S. imprints in the field as cited in the *Bowker Annual of Library and Book Trade Information*. Each department establishes its own policy regarding expenditures.
 - The University Library General Fund is spent by library faculty to purchase interdisciplinary materials, recreational reading, to develop collections in new areas, balance the collection with materials and fill information gaps.
- The Library and the College Deans together support new teaching hires through a with matching funds (\$1,000 total each position) for the one-time purchase of new library materials.

2) Who is served

- Collection Development serves instructional, curricular and research needs of primary users of the University Library, UWSP faculty, staff, and students, plus community members and beyond, including those with disabilities.

3) Staffing

- Responsibility for Collection Development belongs to the Collection Development Coordinator with the collaboration of the Library Director and the Library faculty (who form the Collection Development Committee).
 - No classified staff are under the direct supervision of the Coordinator and no student library assistants are assigned to directly to the Coordinator.
 - The Coordinator consults regularly with the Acquisitions staff (two, LSA-Advanced) and the Library Accounts manager (one, LSA-Senior).
 - The Collection Development Committee includes all faculty librarians and meets to discuss acquisitions budget matters, collection issues, policies, projects, large purchases, and related matters.
 - Serials/Periodicals accounts for a large portion of the acquisitions budget, so the Coordinator and Serials Librarian work cooperatively.
- a. Sufficient to meet service needs?
At times direct supervision of acquisitions staff would be beneficial. A student library assistant could be beneficial to completing some tasks. (see departmental SWOT)
- b. Well-qualified and trained?
 - Yes, Coordinator has double masters, MILS and MST (History). All consulting staff are experienced with and knowledgeable about the UWSP Library.

4) Facilities

- The Coordinator has an adequate faculty office.

- The book collection is in stacks under the supervision of the Access Services Librarian. Other library departments have collection areas that are under their coordinator's separate supervision.
- As part of the UW System consortium, Collection Development is called upon to communicate and address specific CUWL (Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries) strategic directions for the best utilization of limited space.

5) Technology

- The Coordinator uses updated PC, with necessary tech support.
- E-Collections require ongoing technology enhancements for use of e-resources, reference and instruction needs. Students and faculty gain access to licensed library e-resources from their homes, offices, and dorm rooms via the Library's proxy server.
- Collection Development guidelines comply with the UWSP Online Accessibility Policy (<http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/collelec.htm>).
- A Library Technical Specialist employs internally generated programs to provide online library material order requests ([Online Library Order Form](#)) and distribute departmental fund reports <http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/fundlist.asp> . These programs periodically fail and data requires constant updating.

6) Supporting statistics (last 5 years if available)

- See five year Budget Reports in attachment 2.

7) Results of recent assessment activities (counts, questionnaires, feedback from faculty...)

Library Representatives/Department Chairs survey

(see Self-study Survey/Focus Group section for complete survey results)

The Library Representative/Department Chair survey was conducted in Feb. 2008. This was an anonymous survey distributed to all department chairs and library representatives, a group totaling 60 in number, of which 23 participated. The survey provided the following data:

- Liaison program: 79% found the library liaison program to be a satisfactory vehicle of communication.
- Knowledge of resources and services: 78% felt they had a good idea of the resources and services that the library provides.
- Announcement of new services: 91% answered that they would like library liaisons to announce new library services to their departments.
- Communication on allocation: 74% of the survey respondents felt the library has done a satisfactory job of communicating with them regarding their department's library materials allocation.
- Allocation: 57% found their department's allocation satisfactory, while 43% found the allocation insufficient.
- Library collection: 61% saw the library's collection of books and other print materials as adequate, 18% viewed the holdings as inadequate and 22% were neutral.
- AV collection: 48% viewed the library's collection of audio-visual materials as satisfactory, with 39% being neutral and 13% viewing AV holdings as inadequate.
- Journal access: 50% found access to journal literature satisfactory, 23% were neutral, and 28% found journal holdings inadequate.
- Electronic databases: 61% viewed electronic databases as adequately supporting their disciplines, with 22% neutral, and 18% unsatisfied with the library's current sphere of e-databases.

The "Comment" section of Library Rep/Chair survey asked for gaps in periodicals, books, and nonprint materials to which the respondents offered several suggestions based on their departmental needs. Subject areas mentioned include: Art and Design, Chemistry, Health Sciences, Nutrition, Ecology, Wildlife, Political Science, Philosophy, primary texts in British, American, and World Literature, and other scholarly editions. General comments pointed to the need for more journal access in the sciences, dislike of embargos on some e-journals, the high costs of image-heavy books, budget deficiencies, and low departmental acquisitions allocations that in one department equate to each faculty member just recommending only four or five books for purchase every year. Positive comments included appreciation for the library staff, interlibrary loan, universal borrowing, and the comment: "I think the library does an admirable job with the limited resources available. I only think that those resources are terribly inadequate."

Survey findings reaffirmed the importance of librarian's role as liaisons but pointed to a weak satisfaction with departmental allocations (57%) and the book collection (61%). Satisfaction with journal access was even lower at 50%. Clearly these are areas of concern.

8) Special projects underway or major changes being implemented

- Collection Development will participate with the new UW System service: Library Dynamics (Learning Dimensions) software to meet the need to evaluate local collections through data analysis. This project will:
 - Identify the collections' strengths and weaknesses;
 - Collect and provide data for program reviews and assessments that are requested by academic departments or campus administration;
 - Determine the areas and level of duplication of holdings among collections;
 - Evaluate usage of titles to facilitate selection of low demand items either for remote storage or de-accessioning;
 - Evaluate usage of titles to support the need for duplication of high demand items or possible digitization.
- Collection Development will measure UW System primary vendor's performance for the first year of the system-wide procurement contract by collecting local purchasing data, evaluating Blackwell Book services effect on the Library's acquisitions budget and purchasing power.

9) Goals or desired directions of the area

- Communicate and address UW system Collections & Resource Sharing Coordinating Committee (CRSCC) goals and action plan. Goals for 2008:
 - Support of UW Strategic Directions and employ the concept of "One System, One Library" to maintain and improve collections;
 - Pursue the continued development of shared electronic collections;
 - Participate in the development a comprehensive program for cooperative collection development across UW System.
- Implement a thorough collection analysis using Library Dynamics in order to maintain an active, academically useful collection and for the best utilization of limited space. This should complement essential maintenance of the Library's large but increasingly out-of-date collection. Library liaisons are to coordinate the weeding of the library collection in their liaison areas. Whenever necessary, departmental faculty members will be invited to participate to assure that materials of historical or research interest are not inadvertently removed.
- Coordinator will gather data and department input for a review of Acquisitions Web Folder (locally funded electronic databases, indexes, and other electronic resources) for Fiscal 2009. This information will be presented to the Collection Development Committee at the beginning

of the 2008-2009 academic school year. The Library's Collection Development Committee frequently reviews licensed resources to determine whether they remain useful and affordable. This review will be based on use statistics when possible (some vendor statistics are unreliable) plus librarians' observation of use based on reference questions, course assignments, and other feedback from departments.

10) Other information

E-RESOURCE GUIDELINES: <http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/collelec.htm>

GUIDELINES FOR DEPARTMENT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS:
<http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/collbud.htm>

ANNUAL LIBRARY MATERIALS ALLOCATIONS TO DEPARTMENTS
<http://library.uwsp.edu/depts/colldev/newalloc.htm>

11) Results of SWOT analysis of the area – see attachment 3.

Attachment 1

WEB FOLDER plus WILSON
(electronic databases locally funded)
Fiscal Year 2007

<u>VENDOR AND ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
ACS Journal Online(2006-1st installment)	\$8,939.03
Hoover's Online FY-6 P.O. Price Difference	\$219.00
WILS-Philosopher's Index Online	\$1,693.00
Library of Congress-Classification Web	\$375.00
Marcive GPO Web Sub (7/06-6/07)	\$1,225.00
Communication Abstracts (11/06-11/07)	\$2,363.00
Family & Society Studies Worldwide(2007)	\$1,295.00
ACS Journal Online (2007 Subscription)	\$19,929.95
WILS-Physical Education Index Online-2007	\$899.00
Naxos of America-5 users(1/07-12/07)	\$750.00
WILS-CSA Environmental Sci...(2/07-1/08)	\$6,891.00
NISC-Women's Studies Int'l (2/07-2/08)	\$526.88
CABI-Forestry Abstracts-Internet (2007)	\$1,865.00
JSTOR-Art/Sci.Collection I & II, Bio.Sci. 2007	\$8,700.00
Wilson Library Literature (4/1/07-3/31/08)	\$1,528.00
Wilson Readers Guide Retro Access Fee-'07	\$304.00
Foundation Center 2007 Membership	\$995.00
Paper Village (2007)	\$6,340.00
Foundations in Wisconsin Online(4/07-3/08)	\$135.00
ISI Web of Science Tech. Fee (2007)	\$918.00
Wildlife & Ecology Studies(5/18/07-5/18/08)	\$2,070.00
Fis & Fisheries Worldwide (5/18/07-5/18/08)	\$2,484.00
LexisNexis Congressional Universe(7/07-6/08)	\$4,453.11
HarpWeek 2007 Annual Fee	\$330.00
ATLA Religion (8/07-7/08)	\$3,114.00
MLA(9/07-8/08)	\$4,629.00
Psycinfo(8/07-7/08)	\$8,247.00
Wilson-Applied Science(07/07-06/08)	\$3,340.52
Wilson-Art(07/07-06/08)	\$3,340.52
Wilson-Bio & Ag Ind Plus(07/07/06/08)	\$1,836.48
Wilson-Omnifile Mega(07/07-06/08)	\$11,179.45
Wilson-Bios Plus (07/07-06/08)	\$1,421.01
	\$112,335.95

Acquisitions Budget Fiscal Year 2008

<u>ACCT. TITLES</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ALLOCATION</u>
BINDING	9,000.00
ELECTRONIC SEARCHING	1,500.00
FACULTY ORDERS (Bks,Videos,Other Instruc.Mat.)	110,669.00
LEISURE READING-BOOK SALE	200.00
MICROFORMS (Acct.402830)	2,795.00
MICROFORMS (Acct.402832)	26,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS (Acct.402830)	0.00
OUTSTANDING FY-7 ORDERS	0.00
PERIODICALS	371,400.00
PERIODICALS (NEW)	250.00
PERIODICALS BACK RUNS	200.00
POSTAGE	300.00
SERIALS	60,000.00
SERVICE CHARGES SYSTEM	17,500.00
ELECTRONIC	6,992.00
WEB/CD ROM PRODUCTS	73,000.00
WILSON ELECTRONIC SUB.	<u>21,570.00</u>
TOTALS	701,876.00

Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2007

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Acquisitions (Base-Acct. 402830)</i>	\$675,376.00		
<i>Undergraduate Init.(Base-402832)</i>	\$26,500.00		
<i>Other Funding(One-Time)</i>	\$19,728.42		
TOTAL	\$721,604.42	\$727,591.88	(\$5,987.46)
Binding	10,445.12	9,569.30	
Electronic Searching	1,432.39	1,448.13	
Faculty Orders	157,118.95	163,847.26	
Leisure Reading	622.59	622.59	
Microforms (402830)	2,351.00	2,467.55	
Microforms (402832)	27,066.64	27,066.64	
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	
Periodicals (Subscriptions)	357,828.75	357,574.88	
Periodicals (New Subscriptions)	84.00		
Periodicals (Back Runs)	137.94	137.94	
Serials Subscriptions	61,596.09	63,601.64	
Web Subscriptions	102,920.95	101,255.95	

Due to the rising costs of books and periodicals, with no increase in the budget, some money from the operating budget (account 402800) had to be used for acquisition purchases (account 402830), putting both accounts into a deficit.

Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2006

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Acquisitions (Base-Acct. 402830)</i>	\$675,376.00		
<i>Undergraduate Init.(Base-402832)</i>	\$26,500.00		
<i>Other Funding(One-Time)</i>	\$30,512.50		
TOTAL	\$733,888.50	\$730,461.47	\$3,427.03
Binding	9,000.00	9,656.70	
Electronic Searching	3,000.00	2,507.14	
Faculty Orders	177,508.50	180,482.01	
Leisure Reading	200.00	199.15	
Microforms (402830)	18,018.00	16,347.28	
Microforms (402832)	20,982.00	20,930.92	
Miscellaneous	1,995.72	816.00	
Periodicals (Subscriptions)	333,004.28	332,642.42	
Periodicals (New Subscriptions)	2,000.00		
Periodicals (Back Runs)	1,020.00	260.98	
Serials Subscriptions	70,000.00	74,582.70	
Web Subscriptions	97,160.00	92,036.17	

Money was saved in account 402800 to help acquisitions cover the cost of rising expenses with no budget increase expected in FY-7 and to cover the cost of furniture updates in the student study areas.

Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2005

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Acquisitions (Base-Acct. 402830)</i>	\$675,376.00		
<i>Undergraduate Init.(Base-402832)</i>	\$26,500.00		
<i>Other Funding(One-Time)</i>	\$44,254.22		
TOTAL	\$746,130.22	\$749,522.16	(\$3,391.94)
Binding	10,000.00	9,983.10	
Electronic Searching	3,500.00	3,422.67	
Faculty Orders	168,809.51	144,954.76	
Leisure Reading	414.22	417.35	
Microforms (402830)	3,180.10	3,290.44	
Microforms (402832)	37,650.00	37,650.38	
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	
Periodicals (Subscriptions)	369,972.72	365,516.52	
Periodicals (New Subscriptions)	0.00		
Periodicals (Back Runs)	423.67	442.39	
Serials Subscriptions	69,000.00	67,173.17	
Web Subscriptions	83,180.00	116,671.38	

Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2004

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Acquisitions (Base-Acct. 402830)</i>	\$766,398.00		
<i>Budget Cut (Base-Acct. 402830)</i>	(\$91,022.00)		
<i>Undergraduate Init.(Base-402832)</i>	\$26,500.00		
<i>Other Funding (One-Time)</i>	\$255,185.38		
TOTAL	\$957,061.38	\$960,112.59	(\$3,051.21)
Binding	13,000.00	10,231.00	
Electronic Searching	6,000.00	2,858.17	
Faculty Orders	359,952.00	338,755.08	
Leisure Reading	599.38	384.18	
Microforms (402830)	2,777.00	7,459.24	
Microforms (402832)	36,723.00	36,722.98	
Miscellaneous (Web Subscriptions)	32,100.00	29,605.00	
Periodicals (Subscriptions)	345,000.00	339,639.20	
Periodicals (New Subscriptions)	2,000.00	4,545.52	
Periodicals (Back Runs)	4,250.00	413.83	
Serials Subscriptions	75,000.00	66,105.83	
Web Subscriptions	79,660.00	123,392.56	

Account 402830 (Acquisitions) had a base budget cut of \$91,022.

Acquisitions Fiscal Year 2003

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Acquisitions (Base-Acct. 402830)	\$766,398.00		
Undergraduate Init.(Base-402832)	\$26,500.00		
Transfers to Other Accounts	(\$1,587.00)		
TOTAL	\$791,311.00	\$529,926.77	\$261,384.23
Binding	15,000.00	10,867.80	
Electronic Searching	7,500.00	37,179.71	
Faculty Orders	232,751.43	209,560.96	
Leisure Reading	0.00	0.00	
Microforms (402830)	8,214.00	3,846.81	
Microforms (402832)	33,286.00	33,286.15	
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	
Periodicals (Subscriptions)	330,971.18	69,913.63	
Periodicals (New Subscriptions)	2,000.00	810.89	
Periodicals (Back Runs)	0.00	0.00	
Serials Subscriptions	90,000.00	59,899.60	
Web Subscriptions	71,588.39	104,561.32	

The large balance in account 402830 was due to our periodicals vendor bankruptcy (Faxon Company). We did not prepay our 2004 subscriptions in FY-3. The balance carried over into FY-4 to pay for that year's periodicals.

ATTACHMENT 3



Department: **Collection Development**

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S.W.O.T. Analysis

<p style="text-align: center;">STRENGTHS (Internal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection development committee and librarian’s liaison role. • Library faculty and department faculty as selectors. • Library and College Dean’s matching fund program in support of new faculty. • Diverse and unique collections. 	<p style="text-align: center;">WEAKNESSES (Internal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisitions Budget – fixed. • Campus faculty as selectors. • Other job responsibilities of coordinator and no direct staff supervision of acquisitions. • Collection Analysis and weeding.
<p style="text-align: center;">OPPORTUNITIES (External)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of electronic resources. • Student fees from IT. • UW System consortium. • Outreach: Collection Development Survey of Library Reps and Dept. Chairs. • New programs and growth at UWSP. 	<p style="text-align: center;">THREATS (External)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget cuts at UWSP and UW System; no added support for new programs and growth at UWSP. • Rising vendor (database & indexes) costs and an even higher escalation of periodical costs and related surcharges equates to less budget for faculty orders. • Primary Book vendor. • Unfilled Government Librarian position threatens important collections and status as Federal Depository.

Strengths:

- The Collection Development Committee includes all faculty librarians and meets regularly to discuss budget matters, policies, projects, large purchases, and related collection issues. Library liaisons and campus department library representatives coordinate acquisitions for each department. This collaborative decision-making process ensures that the Library supports the educational needs of students and faculty.
- The Library and College Deans support new teaching faculty through matching funds (\$1,000 each position) for the purchase of library materials. This support from the College Deans represents valuable collaboration. However, the current high number of new teaching faculty (42 for the current academic year) strains other acquisitions budget lines.
- The UW-Stevens Point Library houses or provides access to a diverse and unique collection of approximately 1,066,000 print volumes, over 16,000 audiovisual media items, 11,000 e-books, 918,000 microforms, approximately 15,000 serials titles (all formats), and 53 electronic databases and

resource collections. The Library is recognized for strong collections related to natural resources, teacher education, and a large body of federal and state documents.

Weaknesses:

- During the past 5 years, the Library's Acquisitions Budget has been static, while relentless inflation of both print and non-print resources continued. Price increases in periodical and serial subscriptions often exceed 10 percent annually, costs for electronic databases increased between 5 and 9 percent annually. The budget line for faculty orders of for print and non-print library materials has declined proportionately.
- The Library is committed to jointly sharing the selection of library materials with campus faculty across all disciplines. However, a few departments do not meet ordering deadlines (critical to maintaining a manageable workflow). Some department's requests may actually exceed their allocation, while some do not spend all their allocation.
- A part of the Collection Development Coordinator's position is being part of the teaching rotation for Library Resources 101 and sharing a varying load for bibliographic instruction sessions. Balancing Collection Development duties with teaching and reference desk responsibilities can be challenging. Though position does not directly supervise the library acquisitions staff, collaboration has been excellent. However, direct supervision might improve communication and workflow.
- The Library needs an improved method of collection analysis and a thorough weeding of the library collection. Beginning in winter semester of 2008, the Library will participate in the UW System's implementation of Library Dynamics (Learning Dimensions) software to evaluate the local collection and cooperate in collection development using data analysis.

Opportunities:

- The evolution of electronic resources continues to expand both the volume and accessibility of library collections. New opportunities abound for accessing information for our users far beyond the physical confines of the library.
- For the first time in fiscal 2008, the Library received special funding support from UWSP Information Technology Student Fees, to be reviewed annually. Initial funds supported the licensing of three additional e-resources
- The Library is part of the UW System CUWL consortium and its Shared Electronic Collection (SEC). Participating in state-wide library planning, initiatives and strategic directions is an opportunity for the Library.
- A Collection Development Survey of Department Chairs and Library Representatives will be conducted in the spring 2008 semester.
- New curricular programs and UW-Stevens Point's growth agenda provide significant opportunities for Collection Development.

Threats:

- Budget cuts at the state and local level present a challenge for collection development and the Library as a whole. Further, to date the Library has not received additional funding in support of new curricular programs and growth at UW-Stevens Point. This makes any planned collection development to meet the educational needs of students and faculty increasingly difficult.
- Rising vendor (database & indexes) costs and an even higher escalation of periodical costs and related surcharges equate to a smaller budget for faculty orders. At the same time, the growth in electronic resources has diminished the ability to add to print collections.
- Starting in fiscal 2008 the Library and the entire UW system began to use Blackwell Book Services as its primary purchasing vendor for print monographs and standing orders. An analysis will measure the impact on the library's purchasing power, to reveal whether this is an opportunity or threat.

- The unknown status of the Government Documents Librarian position, with the retirement of the current faculty member in May 2008, puts the Library's status as a Federal Depository in limbo. The United States Government remains the largest publisher in the world. The loss of depository standing, the related collections, and a faculty position would have a devastating effect on access to government information resources necessary to faculty and students in a variety of disciplines across campus as well as to the central Wisconsin community.