The Collection Development Department provides leadership for the development, management and evaluation of library resources in all formats. Responsibilities include:

- Overall management of the Library’s $5.6 million dollar budget,
- Development of comprehensive collection development policies,
- Coordination and support for the selection activities of the 15 subject librarians,
- Chairing the Information Resources Council,
- Vendor relations, negotiations and training, and
- Analysis and assessment of library collections.

Collection Development Department staff includes 2 librarians, Nancy Simons, Head and Bonnie Tijerina, Electronic Resources Coordinator and 1 career staff, Matt Frizzell. Matt joined the department in July 2006.

I. ACHIEVEMENT OF COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOALS

A. Strategically allocate and manage the Library’s Materials Budget to meet the information needs of the Georgia Tech Community.

- The Serials Review process was completed in late August 2006. An additional $200,000 in one-time funds and a $300,000 credit at EBSCO allowed us to defer cancellations. The data gathered is being organized and will be incorporated into future review / cancellation projects.
- FY07 Materials budget of $5,689,092 represented an 8% increase over the original FY06 Materials budget. This increase covered our 2007 serial inflation of approximately 7%. It also allowed us to increase our monograph firm order funds, subscribe to new resources and purchase additional journal back files.
  - Addition to monograph firm order funds = $100,000
  - New electronic resources
    - Science
    - SPIE Digital Library (cancelled print)
    - Safari computer e-books
    - Morningstar.com Library Edition (cancelled print)
    - D&B Million Dollar Database (cancelled print)
    - BE Press Research Now
    - Blackwell STM collection
    - Xreferplus 100
  - One-time purchases (all electronic)
    - 10 Elsevier ScienceDirect subject back file collections
    - AIAA Journal back files
• Journal of Fluid Mechanics back file
• Additional titles to previously purchased journal back files from Wiley and IOP
• 5 Elsevier and 2 Wiley online reference encyclopedias
• Referex e-books
• U.S. Serial Set
• Historical Statistics of the U.S.

- Begin to gather data and explore the possibility of using a funding formula to reallocate the monograph budget.
  - No progress made and objective deferred until FY 09.

B. Review, analyze and assess library collections.
- The Collection Development Department posted the North American Title Count data on the Collection Development Portal and presented on the data at an Information Resources Council meeting.
- Working with Beth Thomas from Systems, Matt learned how to run Voyager reports. The first reports run provided lists of resources on standing order for monographic series (MONB) and serials (SERB). These reports were imported into Excel spreadsheets, cleaned up, organized by subject fund code and distributed to the subject librarians for review. The goal of this project was threefold:
  - Identify resources that can be moved to electronic access;
  - Identify resources for possible cancellation; and
  - Make certain assigned fund codes are appropriate.
- Matt and Bonnie compiled database and e-book use data and posted it to the Collection Development Portal. Usage data for two e-book vendors, 13 database providers, and 21 journal publishers or aggregators is currently available.
- In collaboration with Cathy Carpenter, subject librarians were asked to review the microfiche collections in the Z classification for retention and / or reclassification. Five collections were identified to be discarded as they were duplicated in our print collections. In addition, three collections were reclassified to the appropriate LC subject classification.

C. Improve communication and dissemination of collection development policies, resources and training tools for subject librarians.
- Bonnie continues to enhance and improve the Collection Development Portal, adding web pages for subject librarian projects and collection data.
- Bonnie organized several webcasts and vendor visits to train staff on resources we purchased and to inform about potential new products.
- The CD Trials Blog was created to increase access to trials by creating a single location to get URLs and comment on the products. This year, Bonnie has posted 26 trials.
- Implement an Electronic Resources Collection Development Policy
  - No progress made and objective deferred until FY 08.
• Create a general Collection Development Policy
  o No progress made and objective deferred until FY 08.
• Work with Subject Librarians to create both subject-specific and collection-specific collections policies
  o No progress made and objective deferred until FY 08.

D. Increase communication of collection issues with other library departments, faculty and students.
• The CD Department worked with Systems to make the Collection Development Portal available to all library staff from the Library’s secure intranet site.
• Bonnie has worked closely with the Digital Initiatives Department to increase communication throughout the library about scholarly communication issues.
• The Acquisitions Services Department and Collection Development Department have increased collaboration and communication through the use of a wiki for renewals of resources, Google spreadsheets to share large amounts of data to be worked on collaboratively, and the eresources email alias so both units are informed when vendors or publishers contact the Library.

E. Continue to support the Library’s goal of moving to electronic access whenever possible.
• Bonnie created an e-book committee with a charge to evaluate platforms that offer individual electronic monograph purchases through Blackwell’s Collection Manager
• See also new electronic resources and journal back files listed under Objective A above.

II. OTHER MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Scholarly Communication Initiatives
Bonnie Tijerina attended the ACRL/ARL/SPARC Institute on Scholarly Communication in December of 2007 to learn about issues surrounding scholarly communication and what libraries can do. During the institute, Julie and Bonnie worked to create a plan for sharing this information with the GA Tech Library and creating means of communicating with faculty about these issues. She and Julie have been implementing the plan since returning.
• Met with IRC, Library administration and Library Council to discuss their experiences at the institute and their future plans for implementation.
• GT Library Scholarly Communication Summer Program
  o Organized the following webcasts
    ▪ Copyright Webcast
    ▪ Author Rights Webcast
Hosted locally the following sessions
- Perspectives in Scholarly Communication
- Author Rights & Copyrights
- EPAGE and SMARTech

Created a local “Department Assessment Tool” for subject librarians to learn more about the specific issues faced by authors in each discipline.

B. Blackwell Collection Manager
In collaboration with Acquisitions Services, we began the migration from using the paper order slips distributed by our approval vendor, Blackwell to using their online system, Collection Manager to order monographs. This was a year of transition as paper slips are still being received and distributed to the subject librarians however our goal is to stop receiving the paper slips.

C. ER&L Conference
Bonnie coordinated the second ER&L Conference which took place in February, 2007 with the assistance of 20 librarians from across the US, the Collection Development Department and many GA Tech Library staff. The successful event was again held at the GA Tech Global Learning & Conference Center with a Welcome Reception at GA Tech Library. The conference had 300 attendees from 5 countries for the in-person conference and an additional 60 for the online conference.

D. Professional Activities
Staff Training
- Access Training – Matthew Frizzell
- ACRL/ARL/SPARC Institute on Scholarly Communication – Bonnie Tijerina (along with Julie Griffin Speer and Dr. Michael Best, INTA)

Campus and National Committees
- Georgia Tech Faculty Student Activities Committee – Nancy Simons
- SLA Information Literacy Committee – Nancy Simons
- SciFinder Scholar Academic Advisory Committee – Nancy Simons
- General Faculty Assembly – Bonnie Tijerina
- ALA, ALCTS, CMDS, Collection Assessment Committee (chair) – Bonnie Tijerina
- ALA, ACRL, Effective Practices Committee (chair) – Bonnie Tijerina

Conference Participation
- Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC – Nancy Simons and Bonnie Tijerina
- ER&L Conference, Atlanta, GA – Nancy Simons, Bonnie Tijerina and Matt Frizzell
- American Chemical Society Spring Meeting, Atlanta, GA – Nancy Simons
- Solinet Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA – Nancy Simons and Bonnie Tijerina
• SLA Annual Meeting – Nancy Simons
• American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, Seattle, WA – Bonnie Tijerina
• American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC – Bonnie Tijerina
• ALA Emerging Leaders Program at ALA-Midwinter and ALA Annual – Bonnie Tijerina

Scholarly Activities
• Presentations
  o "Mobile Librarians: Insight into the Portable Web." ACRL Conference. March, 2007
• Publications
• Awards
  o ALA Emerging Leader Initiative Program Scholarship. November, 2006 ALCTS, ALA

III. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2007-2008

The Collection Development Department has realigned our goals to support the Library’s new strategic plan.

A. Strategically allocate and manage the Library’s Materials Budget to meet the information needs of the Georgia Tech Community
   • Conduct a Serials Review in anticipation of the need to cancel journal subscriptions if budget increases are not sufficient to cover inflation

B. Review, analyze and assess library collections.
   • Continue work on the local Journal Value database, gathering data and working with Systems to provide campus access

C. Aggressively move Library collections to digital format.
   • Purchase reference materials in electronic format whenever possible
   • Expand access to electronic texts (collections and individual titles)
   • Identify and purchase electronic content currently or previously collected in print or microform format

D. Create collection development strategies to guide and prioritize collection decisions.
   • Write a general Collection Development Policy
E. Regularly communicate the Library’s collection initiatives and decisions.
   • Educate faculty on journal pricing and the effects on library budgets through the Serials Review
   • Continue with improvements and updates to the Collection Development Portal

F. Manage electronic resources more effectively
   • Attend training and assist in implementing an ERM system