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Collection Development Policy

- Non-print materials that are duplicated by more current formats. In such cases, the older format should be withdrawn, depending upon user needs and equipment availability
- Duplicate copies of the same title on one campus that are not directly related to ongoing curricular needs

VIII. Collection Assessment

Effective management of the collection is a highly collaborative process. All librarians are stakeholders. Continuous assessment of the collection ensures consistent quality of the materials in the collection. Collection assessment includes systematic consideration of user needs, identifying and evaluating materials, and selecting and acquiring appropriate resources. Relevance, usage patterns, and the evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the collection are also facets of the process. The Collection Development Committee provides oversight of assessment activities and coordinates procedures to ensure uniform assessment.

IX. Intellectual Freedom

The Montgomery College Libraries support the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/lbor.pdf, and its concept of intellectual freedom.

In making selections, the libraries attempt to include material representing differing points of view on controversial issues. As long as subjects fit into the general collection guidelines of the libraries, they will be considered without censorship or prejudice when determining the collection's balance.

X. Copyright

The Montgomery College Libraries comply with the provisions of the U.S. Copyright Law, Title 17, in collection development activities, the licensing of electronic products, the use of electronic course reserves, and in their borrowing and lending activities. However, it is the responsibility of individual users to determine and to comply with copyright and Fair Use provisions.

XI. Challenges

Library users should submit any challenges to library materials in writing to the Director of College Libraries and Information Services . A committee of librarians and faculty members will review the complaint and the materials in question, and make a recommendation to retain or