DRAFT // PHILOSOPHY

The collections of the Smith College Libraries include print, digital, and Special Collections. They play a central role in the educational life of the College and advance the Library’s mission to function as the intellectual crossroads of the Smith community. The library staff provides exceptional services and resources to catalyze discovery, learning, teaching, and research through engagement with all collections.

DRAFT // GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• The priority in collection development is to advance curricular and research needs of the College by purchasing those resources needed for course support and scholarship.

• By establishing and maintaining effective relationships with faculty, students, and staff, library staff ensures that collections evolve to meet the needs of the College.

• Selection of library materials is the shared responsibility of librarians and faculty.

• Acquisition decisions will take into consideration Five College holdings, cost of the item, and accreditation requirements.

• Interlibrary loan and other consortial arrangements supplement onsite collections.

• The Libraries strive to provide information services and resources in all formats that supports the intellectual life of the College.