Monographs Collection Development Policy

The library primarily selects single editions monographs in the appropriate formats.

Textbooks, workbooks, study guides, etc., are generally not collected. Possible exceptions would be textbooks that are considered important in their field or if they are the best source of information on a certain topic.

The Summit catalog and the collections it represents provide an immensely valuable body of literature to consider alongside local collections. Availability of resources in Summit does impact acquisition behavior in the EOU Library. Resources already located in Summit may be purchased for addition to the EOU collection, if deemed necessary. In some cases, the availability of resources in Summit from multiple libraries (3 or more) may influence collection development.

Generally, older editions will be withdrawn when newer editions are added to the collection. When questions arise regarding coverage overlap of editions, or other issues relating to possible retention of multiple editions, tech services personnel will consult with the librarian subject liaison.