



CURTIN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

ROBERTSON LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

In 2016, the University Library commenced a multi-year project to reduce the size of the physical collections held in the Robertson Library. The Library is committed to retaining access to at least one copy, either print or electronic, of all significant resources purchased for the collection. At the same time we are aware that over time the Library's collection has developed significant redundancy and are conscious of the ongoing costs of retaining material that is no longer required. Reducing the Robertson Library's physical collections will allow for the more effective use of space as we continue to develop the building to meet student expectations, and will reflect the increasing dominance of electronic resources in fulfilling the information needs of Curtin staff and students.

The principal components of the approach to be adopted in reducing the size of the Robertson Library collections are listed below.

- Pre-1931 items and microform material will be relocated to the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library
- Duplicate copies of low use material will be discarded
- Items in superseded AV formats (VHS, audiocassette, etc.) will be discarded
- Low-use print items where we have guaranteed electronic access will be discarded
- Superseded textbooks will be discarded
- Items with no research value and no recent use will be discarded, e.g.:
 - Computer application manuals
 - Games, kits, etc. bought for teaching purposes
 - Foreign language readers
 - Translations into foreign languages of English-language works
 - Non-scholarly publications
 - Items with a readership level other than tertiary (unless required for the Teaching Resources Collection)
 - Superseded curriculum materials
- Groups of items that do not support any current or probable Curtin teaching or research areas will be considered for discard on a case by case basis (e.g. music scores).

Copies belonging to Library Special Collections or identified as unique in Australia or in Western Australia will be retained.

In making decisions about the retention of material deemed not to support Curtin learning, teaching or research the Library will seek the advice of relevant academic areas.

Redundant material not required for the Library's collection will normally be destroyed in line with the Library's standard guidelines for disposal. Defined groups of items may be offered to other institutions in Western Australia at the discretion of the University Librarian.

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