Collection Policy for Celtic Languages and Literatures

1. Overview
This policy is informed by the Bodleian Libraries Collection Management Policy.

1.1 General coverage of subject
The Taylor Institution on St Giles’ houses a significant collection of library resources for the study of Celtic languages and literatures. The Bodleian Library also houses a substantial deposited collection and the Sackler library, the main centre for the study of art and art history, has some Celtic material. There is also relevant material in the Bodleian History Faculty Library, the Law Library and the English Faculty Library. The Language Centre Library collects books, audio, and video for learning the Celtic languages.

There is also a significant collection in the Celtic Library at Jesus College.

1.2 Legal deposit
The Bodleian libraries receive Celtic material published in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland under legal deposit. Legal deposit does not apply to the Isle of Man as it is not part of the United Kingdom. Some items have been transferred to open-access shelves in the Taylor, but all legal deposit material, regardless of location, is currently for reference use only and may not be borrowed.

At midnight on 5/6 April 2013, new legislation came into force allowing the Bodleian libraries and other Legal Deposit libraries in the UK and Ireland, to access electronic books, articles, web pages and other electronic documents published in the UK. The 2013
Regulations are being implemented gradually over several years as the Legal Deposit libraries agree collectively to accept electronic versions from each UK publisher

1.3 Electronic resources

Electronic resources for the study of Celtic languages and literatures include electronic journals, bibliographic and full-text databases, as well as a number of e-books. Free scholarly resources are evaluated on a regular basis and added to resource provision if appropriate. These resources can be accessed via OXLIP+. Examples of some important electronic databases for Celtic are as follows:

**Bibliographic databases,**
MLA International Bibliography,

**Full-text databases**
J-STOR

**Dictionaries**
Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru/ the University of Wales Dictionary of the Welsh Language.

Books and journals in the teaching, learning and research collections are listed on the online catalogue SOLO.

1.4 Languages

Books are collected in English and the Celtic languages, Welsh, Breton, Cornish, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Manx. Secondary works in languages other than English, especially French and German, are also collected.
The non-Celtic languages of the Celtic nations (such as Scots) are not collected.

2. Subject coverage

The collection is made up of books and journals to support the teaching of and research in Celtic languages and literatures, together with history, archaeology and culture of the Celtic peoples. Material relating to Continental Celtic languages is also actively collected.

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SUBJECT COVERAGE

literature
- works of fiction
- drama
- poetry
- encyclopaedia
- bibliography

related topics
- history
- culture and society

language
- history of the Celtic languages
- linguistic atlases

literary works of fiction
literary criticism
literary theory
biography and memoir
palaeography
Intellectual life

related topics
- religion
- philosophy and aesthetics

2.1 Book recommendations

Lists of suggested purchases are sent to the lecturer in Celtic for approval. Books placed on a reading list for a taught course are purchased. Recommendations from students are welcomed.
2.2 Donations

Donations of books are welcomed to fill in gaps in the collection and it has been enriched too by purchases from the personal libraries of deceased Celtic scholars. Collecting is not limited to currently published material and out-of-print items are purchased second-hand.

2.3 Journals

The library has a fine collection of journals covering Celtic languages and literatures (37 subscriptions). Conference Proceedings and Festschriften are collected. A number of reference works are confined to the library.

3. Teaching and Research

The collection supports undergraduate and taught postgraduate courses in Celtic languages and literatures and it reflects the wide research interests of Celtic students and scholars.

The library aims to collect material in support of undergraduates, graduate students, postgraduate researchers and the scholarly community, as well as ensuring good provision across a wide range of topics to meet future research needs. The majority of material is on open access shelves in the Basement rolling stacks and may be borrowed. Low-use collections are stored in an offsite book storage facility.

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