HOPE (History of Primary Education in South Australia)

Collection development policy

Policy statement

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Purpose and scope

HOPE is a research collection of textbooks and curriculum material regardless of the place of publication, used in South Australian Primary Schools from the 19th Century.

The HOPE Collection provides a focus for research in South Australian educational history. The HOPE Collection includes over 7,000 items. These are mainly textbooks and curriculum documents, but there is also some audiovisual and kit material. In addition the Collection contains a small selection of teachers’ lesson plans, school roll books and students’ copy books.

Primary User groups
Students and researchers of the University and external scholars

Background to the collection

The Collection was initiated in 1972 at the former Wattle Park Teachers’ College by academic and library staff. Since the founding of the collection most material added has come from the Library’s Teacher Resource collection. The collection is currently housed in URRSA
Scope of current collecting
The stated scope of the Collection is ‘all material used in South Australian Primary School classrooms’. All last copies of non-fiction material published in or about South Australia, with research significant, developed for primary education, weeded from the TRC will be relegated to the HOPE collection rather than to URRSA. All other non-fiction material with research significance that is weeded will be transferred to URRSA and moved to HOPE on a rolling schedule when item is aged 20 years from its original date of publication. When new items are purchased for the primary education collection of the TRC a second may be purchased for HOPE if it has strong significance for South Australia.

Authority for selection of resources
Academic Librarian

Multiple copies
Multiple copies will not be kept. All items kept will be last copy. If title already held in URRSA or in current collections additional copies will not be added to HOPE

Language coverage
Items in English only

Geographic Coverage
All geographic areas

Formats Collected
All formats collected, including kits. Only kits with no missing parts and educational significance will be kept. Obsolete electronic formats will be transferred before being transferred to URRSA

Resources excluded from the collection
Obsolete electronic formats, kits missing parts, other realia items that are broken or badly damaged.

Access
- All items available through the Library Catalogue (opens in new window). These items can be identified by the prefix Hope
- Request items using the Library Catalogue (opens in new window) (if item is also held at a campus, it is preferred that you place a Hold request on the campus copy)
- The item will be sent to the campus nominated
- Items are retrieved daily - expected turnaround time is 48 hours from placement of the request (weekends excepted)
- 4 hour Loan – Library Use Only
- Community access at the discretion of the Manager, Academic Library Services
- Some of the material is now very fragile and rare. For this reason, access is at the discretion of the Manager, Academic Library Services
## Approval and Version History

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