

AJL-Freshman Seminar 6/16/03

Acquisition Practices

Books

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Description: Where should I purchase books and library materials? How can I find used and out-of-print books? How do I get my new materials onto the library shelves in an efficient and timely manner? The third session of the Freshman Seminar II will focus on acquisition practices. Attendance at the 2002 Freshman Seminar is not required. Participants in the Freshman Seminar II are encouraged to attend all 4 sessions on Monday, but everyone is welcome to attend individual sessions.

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- A. Definition of Acquisitions: The process of selecting, ordering, and receiving materials for library or archival collections by purchase, exchange, or gift, which may include budgeting and negotiating with outside agencies, such as publishers, dealers, and vendors, to obtain resources to meet the needs of the institution's clientele, in the most economical and expeditious manner.

- B. It's fun!

- C. Who's Publishing New Jewish Books and How Do I Find Out What's Been Published Recently?
 - a. Order Catalogs
 - i. Jewish publishers/Association of Jewish Book Publishers:
<http://www.avotaynu.com/ajbp.html>
 - ii. Trade publishers: Alphabetical Directory of Publisher Web Sites:
<http://acqweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/acqweb/pubr.html#alph>
 - iii. 1-800-Judaism
 - iv. The Learning Plant (561-686-9456, www.learningplant.com)

 - b. Flyers, reviews, ads, Jbooks.com, MyJewishBooks.com

- c. AJL newsletter, Jewish Book World (15 East 26th St., NY, NY 10010), personal recommendations

D. How to Order New Jewish Books: Advantages and Disadvantages

- a. Direct from Publisher
 - i. Advantages – availability, support Jewish publishers
 - ii. Disadvantages – higher price?, minimum order?, no MARC, shipping
- b. Book Wholesalers: Baker & Taylor (www.btol.com), Ingram, Follett Library Resources –
 - i. Advantages – availability, credit, discount, MARC, record-keeping
 - ii. Disadvantages – not Jewish, shipping
- c. Local Bookstores/Jewish and Non-Jewish
 - i. Advantages – support J. comm., availability, no shipping
 - ii. Disadvantages – price?, no MARC

d. National Jewish Bookstores:

Rosenblum's World of Judaica
Chicago, IL
1-800-626-6536
www.rosenblums.com

Israel Book Shop
Brookline, MA
1-800-323-7723
www.IsraelBookShop.com/merchant.my

- a. Advantages – availability of smaller Jewish publishers, support Jewish community
 - b. Disadvantages – price?, no MARC
- e. On-line sources:
www.judaism.com
www.Jbooks.com
www.meteg.com
www.sefersafari.com
www.amazon.com
www.fetchbook.info
- f. Israeli Publishers:
www.shopinIsrael.com/listings.cgi?Cat=2

- g. Scholastic Book Fair Warehouse Sales – 50% off
 - h. Free books: Gifts, review copies from local Jewish newspaper, do AJL reviews
- E. Ordering Used or OOP Books: See handout.
- F. Ordering Large Print Books:
www.largeprintbooks.com/religion/jewish.htm
www.largeprintbooks.com/religion/jewish01.htm
See Baker & Taylor, Ingram
- G. Budget: Hardback vs. paperback; planning

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www.abebooks.com

www.bookfinder.com

www.alibris.com

www.amazon.com