

Assessment of Library Collections
English, Linguistics, and Creative Writing

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OVERVIEW

The library's collections in English, Linguistics, and Creative Writing appear to be in fairly good shape in terms of core resources for master's-level work. A basic question is whether collection development is keeping pace with the faculty's needs, given the aim for library resources to be commensurate with FIU's Research One ranking. In particular, journal collections are difficult to assess in the humanities (and other fields lacking citation-ranked literatures). For such needed breadth in collection development, the library relies on its collaborations with the faculty.

BOOKS

Approval plan coverage in the humanities and the social sciences—not having any substantive subject limitations—is well-suited to cover the broad interdisciplinarity of English, Linguistics, and Creative Writing.

Faculty orders are afforded through another budget that does not have departmental limits (the library attempts to acquire everything requested each year).

Online books: of the 56,000 *NetLibrary* electronic books owned by the library, 789 titles have *English literature* as a keyword descriptor, 215 titles have *Linguistics* as a keyword descriptor, and 33 titles have *creative writing* as a keyword descriptor.

JOURNALS

The library has 314 journals (165 print and 149 online) funded under Language and Literature.

Of the one citation-ranked journal literature, Applied Linguistics, relevant to this program, the library has 32 (84%) of the 38 titles.

Unranked journals indexed in *Arts & Humanities Citation Index*:

- *Language and Linguistics Theory*: the library has 38 (48%) of the 80 titles.
- *Literary Theory and Criticism*: the library has 11 (65%) of the 17 titles.
- *American Literature*: the library has 12 (80%) of the 15 titles.

- *British Literature*: the library has 12 (71%) of the 17 titles.
- *Poetry*: the library has 9 (56%) of the 16 titles.
- *General Humanities*: the library has 48 (53%) of the 90 titles.

Online journal archives: the library's collections include JSTOR Arts & Sciences I through IV.

DATABASES

FIU's collections of databases and other online resources, about 300 in number, include many of the core ones in English, Linguistics and Creative Writing: the *MLA Bibliography*; *Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*; *Literature Resource Center*; *Humanities Abstracts*; *Arts and Humanities Citation Index*; *FRANCIS*, *English Short Title Catalog*; *Essay & General Literature Index*—with *Oxford English Dictionary Online* and *Nineteenth Century MasterFile* being recent acquisitions.

- *Literature Resource Center* has biographies with excerpts of articles on some 100,000 authors and their works, with links to the MLA International Bibliography. The monographic series in it include *Contemporary Authors*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, *Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature*, *Scribner Writer Series*, and *Twayne Authors Series* (*Twayne's US Authors*, *Twayne's English Authors*, and *Twayne's World Authors*).