What's collecting? Library collections support the curriculum

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The Library's collection development is determined by majors and courses taught at the College. Many new courses are introduced into the College curriculum each semester and the Library has to be creative in using its budget to sustain its existing collection in good shape and at the same time acquire new materials to support these new courses and programs.

Some disciplines have been historically well represented in the Library collections as, for example, Criminal Justice, Police Studies, Forensics and Fire Science. Some require a boost like English Literature or Economics, for example. A decade ago when new humanities majors were re-introduced to the College, we were able to secure additional funds and purchase books, journals, and videos requested by the faculty teaching these subjects. Terrorism became a very hot issue after 2001 and suddenly a sizeable percentage of the Library funds was allocated to add to our already existing resources on the topic.

Library collection is a living enterprise that changes with and is influenced by the College curriculum. Here are a few selections for Library holdings in the area of Court Translating and Interpreting, a new area of study taught at John Jay College.