

Great North Museum:
Hancock Library



Library Collections Management Policy Appendix E GNMH Museum Collection

1. Collection History

This collection was developed in 2024 to enrich the Library's collections and address issues of decolonisation, equality, diversity and inclusion within museums.

The Library has a responsibility to support staff in addressing decolonisation and EDI within the Museum, in response to North East Museum's mission and anti-racism statement.

2. Collection Description

This collection contains books that relate to themes of equality, equity, diversity and inclusion within museums and the cultural sector. Books that help us to better understand racial inequalities and bias, as well as decolonisation and the wider legacy of Empire, are also fundamental to the collection.

3. Specific Collecting Principles

Books within this collection relate to themes of EDI and decolonisation within the museums and cultural sector.

It will not collect books on wider EDI themes, but will endeavour to highlight where such resources are available elsewhere.

4. Responsibility for Collecting

The responsibility for collecting lays with the Library Co-ordinator. Recommendations will be sought from staff and visitors.

4.1 Collection Fund

There is no specific budget allocation for this collection. Occasional purchases can be made through the GNMH Library budget.

4.2 Cataloguing and Classifying the Collection

Catalogue records for all new items are added to Newcastle University's Library Catalogue (Library Search) and classified using the Dewey Decimal System.

Every effort should be made to get new material onto Library Search. This is done in liaison with the GNMH Library Coordinator and the Content and Discovery Team at Newcastle University Library.

4.3 Processing and Repair of Stock

All processing of new books, journals and other library items is the responsibility of the GNMH Library Coordinator. Library volunteers can carry out minor repairs to stock.

5. Location and Arrangement of Stock

Items can be found in the following locations:

- Public Access

Shelving space by the Library desk has been freed up specifically for this collection.

Books will be arranged by Dewey Decimal System in the first instance, but a project to 'Decolonise Dewey' and reclassify/find alternative systems for the collection will be sought.

The collection is available for public use within the Library.