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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

LIBRARY COLLECTIONS/SERVICES

1999/2000

I. FY97-99 Expenditures for Books and Journals [including electronic databases]: all URI academic departments are provided with a yearly allocation for books. The following provides recent expenditures for your department [along with departments covering related subject areas]:

Dept.	FY97 Books	FY97 Jrnls	FY97 Total	FY98 Books	FY98 Jrnls	FY98 Total	FY99 Books	FY99 Jrnls	FY99 Total
URI total	418522	1588691	2007213	416802	1405294	1822096	391203	1520471	1911674
FSN	0	18815	18815	337	22423	22760	1081	24548	25629
BIO	2319	143524	145843	8380	122378	130758	7697	133660	141357
BMM	1331	75033	76364	2330	49575	51905	4301	53050	57351
HLT*	0	24630	24630	0	9933	9933	0	10898	10898

* HLT is a non-departmental allocation for general health journals

II. View of Book Collections by Selective Subjects (LC): the following provides a broad look at the scope of URI's book collection, recent activity in adding to the collection, the scope of that activity in relation to the whole and in relation to other medium size academic libraries, and the latest circulation statistics:

Subject [LC]	Total Items as of 6/99	% of Total Items Held	Books Added 95/99	% of Items Added	Circ. Stats FY99	% of Total Circ.	Books Added 1983- 1993	Avg. Added Peer Group
Food sci. cooking	3236	0.395	59	0.207	156	0.245	229	348
Physiology	3218	0.393	112	0.392	379	0.594	510	399
Nutritional diseases	652	0.080	38	0.133	89	0.140	148	116

Therapeutics	2237	0.273	109	0.382	252	0.395	486	249
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III. Scholarly Books published FY97-FY99: the following provides a look at the numbers of book titles supplied to academic libraries in FY97-FY99 by broad subject:

Subject	1996/97	1996/97	1997/98	1997/98	1998/99	1998/99
	# of titles	\$ of titles	# of titles	\$ of titles	# of titles	\$ of titles
Home econ.	596	\$16,632	582	\$16,267	628	\$17,262
Physiology	430	\$52,394	422	\$43,715	445	\$46,090
Therapeutics	249	\$14,274	271	\$15,595	261	\$16,107

IV. Selective Journal Holdings: SCI/SSCI provide rankings of scholarly journals based on a number of categories. The following is the ranking published in Journal Citation Reports for 1998, by impact factor :

Subject	# of titles	URI Holdings	URI holdings of top ten	URI holdings of 11-20
Food science & technology	90	20	4	5
Nutrition and dietetics	50	21	8	5

Aida Marissa Smith's "Mapping the literature of dietetics" (Bull. Med Libr Assoc, 87(3), July, 1999, p.292-297), identifies 86 journal titles as the core literature of dietetics [these 86 titles provide two-thirds of all of the articles cited]. Eight of these titles, all of which are held at URI, provide one-third of all of the citations. We have 62 of the 86 titles in the core list, which provides substantial in-house coverage for the dietetics community at URI.