Friends of UCO Chambers Library
Faculty Book & Materials Grant Guidelines

Friends of Chambers Library
The Friends of the Library (FOL) is dedicated to enriching the Chambers Library. Memberships and donations are the major sources of revenue for FOL. With this income the FOL provides financial support for events, programs and library collections.

Procedure
Two grants of $1000 each will be awarded each spring semester. Applicants must be faculty members who can identify a specific subject need or gap in the Library’s collection. To participate, the applicant must submit a one-page essay describing the need in a specific subject area by the deadline announced. A list of desired titles must be submitted with the application. Applications should be emailed to libdev@uco.edu. Winners will be notified by email.

Criteria for Selection
A committee of Library affiliated professionals will judge the submissions. The major criterion for winning a grant is a demonstrated need or gap in the Library’s collections, which could be due to addition of a new program, lack of current materials, recent growth of scholarly literature in a discipline, etc. Applicants can refer to the Chambers Library Collection Development Policy on the Library’s website for details on what we collect. You can also contact the Library Liaison assigned to your department with any additional questions.

Material Selection Tips:
Judges will consider the following factors when reviewing the title list.
1. Is the material appropriate for the information needs at the University of Central Oklahoma?
2. Is the material useful in more than one course or discipline?
3. Does the material fill an identified need within the collection?
4. Is the material costly? Does expected use of the material justify purchasing the item, or would Interlibrary Loan be a more appropriate way to obtain the item?
5. Will the material be useful to the collection over a period of years?
6. Does the material have literary merit, a reputable author, or other criteria what would justify purchase?
7. Is the format appropriate for the subject?

Generally, the Library does not select the following types of materials with a few exceptions:
1. Materials too obscure or specialized for the degree programs offered at UCO.
2. Materials written for a juvenile audience rather than for an academic audience. With the exception of children’s materials useful for teacher education.
3. Materials for recreational reading with little value as academic resources.
4. Outdated materials unless it is a recognized classic with demonstrable research value.
5. Duplicate copies, unless the material is in very high demand.
6. Materials in formats where no equipment is available on campus, or where the technology for use is either obsolete or obsolescent.
7. Vanity press books without academic value.