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Collection Development Policy

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- the electronic version does not guarantee archival access
- a significant financial incentive is offered to do so

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