

Why was a recommended item not purchased?

All purchase recommendations are evaluated in terms of the [Collection Development](#) policy. There are many reasons why a recommended item may not be purchased; the following are the most common:

- The item is out-of-print. The library does not purchase used items or those from third party vendors.
- The item is older and owned by other libraries in the consortium or in the United States.
- The item has only been released internationally and is not available in the United States. The library does not purchase items from international or third party vendors.
- The item is being recommended too far in advance of the publication date. Movies not yet in theaters or books over three months in advance of publication date will not be purchased.
- The requested format is not available. For example, many films and TV series are only available through streaming services. Additionally, not all print titles are published in all formats, so the item may not be available in large print, audiobook, eBook or eAudio.
- The item is self/independently published and cannot be vetted. For example, an item on a medical subject will not be purchased if the qualifications of the author/publisher cannot be verified.
- The item is academically or technically specific. For example, textbooks will not be purchased.
- The item is cost prohibitive.