

Appendix - Supportive Tables

All data in this appendix have been “smoothed” to reduce the likelihood of trends being obscured by random fluctuation from year to year. For any year n the smoothed number of acquisitions S_n is calculated as

$$S_n = \frac{A_{n-1} + 2 * A_n + A_{n+1}}{4} \quad \text{where } A_n \text{ is the actual number of acquisitions in year } n.$$

Percentages are then calculated based on the smoothed number of acquisitions.

Table A1 [Fig 2] Percentage of total acquisitions in sub-categories ‘Family and home’ and ‘Leisure Interests’, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	Family & home	Leisure interests (include warfare)
1984	6.1	12.8
1985	9.6	12.0
1986	10.0	10.7
1987	9.0	11.8
1988	9.9	13.5
1989	11.5	14.7
1990	11.7	15.1
1991	11.5	13.6
1992	12.7	12.8
1993	13.6	13.9
1994	12.7	14.1
1995	11.5	12.7
1996	11.0	11.5
1997	12.2	11.7
1998	14.1	12.4

Table A2 [Fig 3] Percentage of total acquisitions in sub-categories of ‘Family, home and practical interests’ group, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	Food/drink/cookery	Family health	Gardening	Handicrafts	Home/house maintenance	Self-help	Mind, body, spirit	Total % in these categories
1984	1.8	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.3	6.1
1985	2.9	2.5	1.4	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.3	9.6
1986	2.4	3.2	1.6	1.6	0.4	0.6	0.2	10.0
1987	1.4	3.6	1.7	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	9.0
1988	1.7	3.9	1.9	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.3	9.9
1989	2.4	4.6	2.0	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.4	11.5
1990	2.6	4.3	1.7	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.6	11.7
1991	2.5	3.9	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.3	0.8	11.5
1992	2.6	3.8	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.0	12.7
1993	3.0	3.3	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.1	1.2	13.6
1994	3.0	3.8	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.0	12.7
1995	2.5	4.0	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.9	0.6	11.5
1996	2.5	3.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	2.1	0.7	11.0
1997	2.8	3.6	1.5	0.6	0.4	2.1	1.2	12.2
1998	3.1	4.0	1.7	0.8	0.4	2.2	1.8	14.1

Table A3 [Fig 4] Percentage of total acquisitions in sub-categories of 'Sport, travel and leisure interests' group, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	hobbies, quizzes & games	transport: general interest	humour	natural history country & pets	sport & outdoor	travel & holiday	warfare & defence	Total % in these categories
1984	0.2	1.8	0.5	1.0	4.3	3.1	1.8	12.8
1985	0.2	1.1	0.2	1.2	3.9	3.2	2.3	12.0
1986	0.3	1.0	0.0	1.9	3.1	2.7	1.7	10.7
1987	0.5	1.4	0.1	2.3	2.9	3.3	1.3	11.8
1988	0.5	1.7	0.2	2.1	2.9	4.5	1.7	13.5
1989	0.4	1.3	0.4	1.7	3.3	5.2	2.5	14.7
1990	0.4	1.0	0.5	1.9	3.8	5.0	2.6	15.1
1991	0.5	1.2	0.4	2.3	3.4	4.1	1.6	13.6
1992	0.9	1.9	0.3	2.0	2.9	3.7	1.1	12.8
1993	1.2	2.2	0.3	1.7	3.1	4.3	1.1	13.9
1994	1.1	1.3	0.3	1.6	3.4	5.3	1.1	14.1
1995	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.6	3.0	5.2	1.1	12.7
1996	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.7	2.3	4.6	0.7	11.5
1997	0.3	1.2	1.0	1.8	2.3	4.4	0.8	11.7
1998	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.7	2.4	4.2	1.5	12.4

Table A4 [Fig 5] Percentage of total acquisitions in broad category of 'Arts and humanities', by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	arts	language & literature	humanities	social sciences	economics etc	law	Total % in these categories
1984	8.5	9.1	10.5	10.9	5.0	0.6	44.7
1985	9.2	7.5	11.8	10.8	5.1	0.4	44.8
1986	9.6	7.3	11.4	10.4	5.2	0.5	44.4
1987	8.0	6.8	10.5	11.0	5.6	0.7	42.7
1988	6.7	5.3	10.1	10.7	5.6	1.0	39.4
1989	6.6	4.3	9.7	10.0	5.3	1.2	37.1
1990	6.2	3.5	8.8	9.3	4.7	0.9	33.5
1991	5.7	3.3	7.0	8.3	4.5	0.7	29.7
1992	6.1	3.7	6.8	8.4	4.7	0.8	30.4
1993	7.0	4.4	8.1	9.3	4.6	1.1	34.6
1994	7.6	4.8	8.5	9.9	4.4	1.6	36.8
1995	7.5	4.8	7.7	9.8	4.7	1.4	36.0
1996	6.5	5.0	7.6	8.2	4.1	0.8	32.3
1997	6.3	4.6	7.9	7.8	3.0	0.6	30.0
1998	7.4	3.8	7.4	8.9	3.3	0.5	31.4

Table A5 [Fig 6] Percentage of total acquisitions in broad category of 'Science and technology', by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	medicine	mathematics & science	earth sciences, geography etc	technology, engineering etc	computing & information	Total % in these categories
1984	2.2	2.5	1.1	2.5	1.5	9.7
1985	1.8	2.5	1.1	2.7	0.8	8.8
1986	1.7	3.0	0.9	3.8	1.1	10.4
1987	1.7	3.1	0.7	3.4	1.0	10.0
1988	2.0	2.6	0.7	2.6	1.0	8.9
1989	2.0	2.2	1.0	2.6	1.2	8.9
1990	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.4	1.1	8.6
1991	1.2	1.2	1.8	1.8	0.8	6.7
1992	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.5	0.9	6.2
1993	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	7.8
1994	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.4	8.0
1995	1.2	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.2	6.9
1996	1.2	2.3	0.6	1.2	1.4	6.6
1997	1.6	3.1	0.7	1.2	1.6	8.1
1998	2.2	3.3	1.2	1.9	1.9	10.5

Table A6 [Fig 7] Percentage of total acquisitions in computing in public and academic libraries, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	computing & information technology books : public libraries	computing & information technology books : academic libraries
1984	1.5	2.4
1985	0.8	2.8
1986	1.1	2.9
1987	1.0	3.7
1988	1.0	5.5
1989	1.2	5.0
1990	1.1	3.9
1991	0.8	4.9
1992	0.9	4.8
1993	1.4	3.5
1994	1.4	3.4
1995	1.2	4.2
1996	1.4	5.0
1997	1.6	5.1
1998	1.9	5.0

Table A7 [Fig 8] Percentage of total acquisitions in biography category, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	biographies
1984	3.2
1985	3.5
1986	3.7
1987	4.8
1988	6.9
1989	9.5
1990	11.7
1991	11.4
1992	10.4
1993	10.8
1994	10.1
1995	8.1
1996	7.9
1997	9.3
1998	10.0

Table A8 [Fig 9] Percentage of total acquisitions in fiction category, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	general & literary fiction	genre fiction	special features & true stories	Total % in these categories
1984	12.0	2.7	0.4	15.1
1985	11.5	2.3	0.2	13.9
1986	8.3	1.9	0.0	10.2
1987	7.1	2.5	0.1	9.7
1988	7.7	3.2	0.3	11.1
1989	6.3	3.2	0.7	10.2
1990	5.6	4.4	1.5	11.5
1991	6.8	7.7	1.7	16.2
1992	6.0	8.4	1.8	16.2
1993	3.8	5.4	2.1	11.3
1994	3.9	5.0	2.0	10.9
1995	5.4	7.8	1.7	15.0
1996	5.9	10.3	1.7	17.8
1997	4.9	9.7	1.7	16.3
1998	3.9	6.8	1.5	12.2

Table A9 [Fig 10] Percentage of acquisitions in different fiction categories, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	General fiction	Genre fiction	Other fiction
1984	79.4	18.0	2.6
1985	82.5	16.3	1.3
1986	81.0	19.0	0.0
1987	73.9	25.3	0.8
1988	68.7	29.2	2.1
1989	61.0	32.2	6.8
1990	49.7	37.3	13.1
1991	42.3	45.8	11.9
1992	36.4	48.5	15.1
1993	33.3	43.0	23.7
1994	35.0	44.8	20.2
1995	36.2	51.6	12.2
1996	33.4	57.2	9.4
1997	31.4	58.1	10.6
1998	34.9	53.5	11.7

Table A10 [Fig11] Percentage of total acquisitions in children's books categories, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	children's fiction	children's non-fiction	young children's titles	Total % in these categories
1984	1.3	7.2	0.2	8.7
1985	1.1	6.3	0.0	7.4
1986	1.7	7.8	0.1	9.6
1987	2.6	7.9	0.5	11.0
1988	2.9	6.5	0.8	10.2
1989	2.2	5.7	0.9	8.8
1990	2.5	5.6	1.1	9.1
1991	3.5	6.4	1.4	11.4
1992	3.2	6.2	1.5	11.0
1993	1.7	4.7	0.9	7.4
1994	1.3	5.1	0.6	7.0
1995	2.2	6.4	1.2	9.8
1996	3.7	7.4	1.5	12.6
1997	3.7	7.1	1.1	12.0
1998	2.1	6.1	1.1	9.3

Table A11 [Fig13] Percentage of acquisitions related to time intervals after publication, by year of acquisition - adult non-fiction, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	in calendar year of publication or next calendar year	within 2 or 3 calendar years of publication	within 4 or 5 calendar years of publication	more than 5 calendar years after publication	Number of titles
1984	86.2	7.9	1.7	4.2	209
1985	87.8	6.4	1.9	3.9	208
1986	87.2	6.6	2.2	4.0	262
1987	86.7	6.5	2.7	4.1	322
1988	85.6	6.7	3.3	4.4	353
1989	85.0	7.3	3.4	4.3	422
1990	84.5	8.5	3.1	3.9	381
1991	81.6	11.3	3.1	4.0	338
1992	81.4	11.2	2.9	4.4	304
1993	81.8	9.5	3.8	5.0	456
1994	77.6	10.8	5.3	6.3	485
1995	71.1	14.6	6.3	8.1	336
1996	69.6	16.2	6.0	8.1	359
1997	77.3	12.7	4.4	5.6	412
1998	84.0	9.4	3.5	3.1	519

Table A12 [Fig 14] Percentage of acquisitions related to time intervals after publication, by year of acquisition - adult fiction, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	in calendar year of publication or next calendar year	within 2 or 3 calendar years of publication	within 4 or 5 calendar years of publication	more than 5 calendar years after publication	Number of titles
1984	84.8	4.8	2.6	7.8	39
1985	86.0	4.4	2.3	7.4	45
1986	85.7	7.4	2.0	4.9	25
1987	85.7	8.5	1.8	4.0	35
1988	87.9	5.6	1.6	5.0	64
1989	88.5	4.7	1.3	5.5	44
1990	85.0	6.2	2.0	6.8	46
1991	83.6	6.6	2.4	7.5	83
1992	86.8	6.4	1.6	5.2	94
1993	89.0	6.9	1.7	2.4	38
1994	89.4	6.3	2.2	2.1	61
1995	89.2	4.8	2.4	3.7	69
1996	87.8	5.3	2.8	4.1	99
1997	83.4	8.6	3.6	4.3	113
1998	79.6	11.4	3.9	5.1	55

Table A13 [Fig 15] Percentage of acquisitions related to time intervals after publication, by year of acquisition - children's books, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	in calendar year of publication or next calendar year	within 2 or 3 calendar years of publication	within 4 or 5 calendar years of publication	more than 5 calendar years after publication	Number of titles
1984	70.6	14.5	10.0	4.9	16
1985	69.9	13.5	7.5	9.1	19
1986	72.6	12.9	5.1	9.4	31
1987	74.6	11.6	4.2	9.7	48
1988	78.5	11.1	3.6	6.8	48
1989	79.5	15.5	2.2	2.8	42
1990	74.4	18.0	3.1	4.4	40
1991	68.6	17.0	5.5	9.0	53
1992	67.5	12.5	5.6	14.4	70
1993	67.5	8.0	6.7	17.8	16
1994	70.6	8.4	7.3	13.7	50
1995	76.7	12.4	5.5	5.4	35
1996	78.8	14.9	3.8	2.5	80
1997	84.6	11.5	1.6	2.3	77
1998	91.4	7.8	0.0	0.9	47

Table A14 [Fig 16] Percentage of acquisitions made in calendar year of publication or subsequent calendar year for certain categories of books, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	law, medicine, technology, computing	arts	humanities	language, literature, biography
1988	79.9	85.2	86.2	84.4
1989	79.6	85.5	83.1	84.2
1990	79.2	85.9	77.9	87.1
1991	72.9	78.9	73.3	87.7
1992	73.2	70.5	77.8	87.2
1993	81.6	67.1	77.3	85.9
1994	78.6	61.7	70.7	80.9
1995	64.8	59.2	70.3	71.7
1996	56.7	65.4	73.1	69.9
1997	64.9	76.7	75.8	82.9
1998	77.4	84.5	77.5	93.5

Table A15 [Fig 17] Percentage of acquisitions made more than 5 calendar years after publication for certain categories of books, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	law, medicine, technology, computing	arts	humanities	language, literature, biography
1988	5.3	1.6	3.8	8.3
1989	2.2	2.3	5.8	7.0
1990	0.7	3.4	8.5	3.8
1991	1.4	4.8	10.0	2.9
1992	4.2	8.2	8.2	4.2
1993	5.0	10.7	6.9	5.3
1994	5.7	12.1	10.2	6.8
1995	8.6	15.8	12.7	9.1
1996	10.5	15.7	11.5	7.2
1997	8.7	9.2	8.8	3.5
1998	4.3	4.8	7.3	1.9

Table A16 [Fig 19] Percentage of acquisitions of adult non-fiction in each format, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	hardback	paperback	other formats	Total number of adult non-fiction titles
1984	55.1	44.9	0.0	204
1985	55.8	44.1	0.1	207
1986	57.0	42.8	0.2	262
1987	56.7	43.1	0.2	320
1988	53.9	45.6	0.5	354
1989	51.7	47.7	0.7	419
1990	51.3	48.3	0.4	378
1991	48.5	51.5	0.1	339
1992	45.3	54.6	0.2	309
1993	44.1	55.5	0.4	454
1994	40.1	59.4	0.5	485
1995	36.1	63.2	0.7	333
1996	37.8	61.4	0.8	355
1997	41.3	58.2	0.5	408
1998	41.8	57.9	0.3	514

Table A17 [Fig 20] Percentage of acquisitions of adult fiction in two main formats, by year of acquisition, in public libraries

Year of acquisition	hardback	paperback	Total number of adult fiction titles
1984	74.9	25.1	38
1985	74.8	25.2	43
1986	72.7	27.3	24
1987	70.0	30.0	35
1988	67.0	33.0	64
1989	60.7	39.3	43
1990	60.4	39.6	46
1991	63.0	37.0	83
1992	65.4	34.6	93
1993	69.8	30.2	38
1994	71.3	28.7	61
1995	67.1	32.9	69
1996	61.9	38.1	98
1997	57.3	42.7	111
1998	53.5	46.5	55

Table A18 [Fig 21] Median price of public library books relative to average book price

Year of acquisition	median price of books	<i>Bookseller</i> average book price	Ratio of price to average	Number of books in sample
1984	£ 7.84	£ 14.09	0.56	666
1985	£ 8.23	£ 16.11	0.51	649
1986	£ 8.34	£ 16.54	0.50	665
1987	£ 8.70	£ 16.90	0.51	648
1988	£ 9.20	£ 17.79	0.52	619
1989	£ 9.70	£ 19.15	0.51	639
1990	£ 9.95	£ 20.55	0.48	555
1991	£ 9.95	£ 20.91	0.48	535
1992	£ 10.71	£ 22.82	0.47	533
1993	£ 11.73	£ 24.60	0.48	550
1994	£ 11.24	£ 24.24	0.46	627
1995	£ 10.49	£ 24.12	0.43	466
1996	£ 10.73	£ 25.14	0.43	540
1997	£ 11.47	£ 25.42	0.45	610
1998	£ 12.31	£ 25.96	0.47	629

Table A19 [Fig 25] Percentage of total acquisitions in arts and fiction, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	arts	fiction
1984	7.7	2.0
1985	6.5	1.4
1986	5.5	1.0
1987	4.7	0.9
1988	3.8	0.8
1989	4.0	0.9
1990	4.3	0.5
1991	4.3	0.2
1992	4.9	0.5
1993	4.8	1.2
1994	4.9	1.5
1995	5.9	1.7
1996	6.7	1.3
1997	7.4	0.9
1998	8.3	1.0

Table A20 [Fig 26] Percentage of total acquisitions in language, literature and biography, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	language	literature	biography	Total % in these categories
1984	1.7	9.2	0.4	11.3
1985	1.7	8.5	0.6	10.7
1986	2.2	7.5	1.0	10.7
1987	2.6	6.1	1.1	9.8
1988	2.0	4.8	1.1	8.0
1989	2.1	4.3	1.5	7.8
1990	2.3	4.7	2.0	9.0
1991	2.2	5.6	2.0	9.8
1992	2.6	6.3	1.9	10.7
1993	3.3	6.5	1.8	11.6
1994	3.0	6.5	1.6	11.2
1995	2.4	6.9	1.8	11.1
1996	2.3	7.8	1.9	12.1
1997	2.2	7.1	1.6	10.9
1998	1.7	5.8	1.1	8.6

Table A21 [Fig 27] Percentage of total acquisitions in the humanities, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	history	philosophy	archaeology	religion & beliefs	Total % in this category
1984	6.6	2.4	0.4	0.6	10.0
1985	6.6	2.7	0.2	0.5	10.0
1986	6.2	2.5	0.2	1.5	10.5
1987	6.7	2.3	0.4	2.5	11.9
1988	7.2	1.8	0.3	1.9	11.2
1989	6.6	1.5	0.2	1.5	9.7
1990	5.8	1.8	0.2	1.8	9.7
1991	5.8	2.1	0.6	1.5	10.0
1992	6.1	1.8	0.8	1.1	9.8
1993	6.9	1.7	0.6	1.2	10.4
1994	7.8	2.0	0.5	1.6	11.8
1995	6.9	2.2	0.5	1.6	11.3
1996	6.3	2.3	0.5	1.8	10.9
1997	6.8	2.0	0.8	1.4	11.0
1998	6.3	1.6	1.0	0.8	9.7

Table A22 [Fig 28] Percentage of total acquisitions in social sciences, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	sociology, social studies	politics & government	education	economics, finance, etc	law	other social sciences	Total % in this category
1984	8.1	6.0	3.8	12.3	2.4	4.1	36.7
1985	6.8	5.5	3.9	14.2	3.0	4.0	37.4
1986	7.0	5.8	4.7	14.9	2.7	4.3	39.3
1987	8.6	5.9	5.0	13.7	2.3	4.8	40.3
1988	9.3	5.8	4.0	14.9	2.9	4.0	41.0
1989	9.5	5.9	3.7	15.8	3.8	3.8	42.5
1990	9.7	5.5	4.6	13.8	4.2	4.3	42.1
1991	10.3	5.8	5.1	11.9	4.0	3.8	40.9
1992	11.0	6.7	6.2	11.6	3.5	3.5	42.5
1993	10.4	6.4	6.3	14.5	3.2	3.4	44.3
1994	9.7	6.2	4.7	15.9	3.7	3.4	43.6
1995	10.2	6.7	4.2	13.1	4.9	3.6	42.6
1996	10.7	5.8	3.5	11.7	5.4	3.8	41.1
1997	10.9	5.0	3.1	12.8	5.4	3.8	40.9
1998	10.7	5.2	3.7	13.5	5.6	3.2	41.9

Table A23 [Fig 29] Percentage of total acquisitions in the sciences, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	medicine	mathematics & science	earth sciences, geography etc	technology, engineering etc	computing & information	Total % in these categories
1984	5.7	8.2	2.3	6.2	2.4	24.8
1985	5.0	9.0	3.0	7.4	2.8	27.2
1986	3.4	9.2	3.5	8.2	2.9	27.1
1987	2.8	8.9	2.9	8.1	3.7	26.4
1988	3.1	9.1	2.5	8.1	5.5	28.3
1989	3.5	8.3	2.4	8.7	5.0	28.0
1990	4.9	7.6	3.0	8.4	3.9	27.8
1991	5.6	7.1	3.7	7.6	4.9	29.0
1992	4.0	6.7	3.9	6.8	4.8	26.2
1993	3.4	6.8	3.4	5.8	3.5	22.8
1994	4.4	6.3	2.9	5.0	3.4	22.2
1995	4.6	5.6	2.8	4.4	4.2	21.7
1996	4.5	5.4	2.6	4.0	5.0	21.4
1997	4.7	5.3	2.3	4.5	5.1	21.9
1998	5.0	5.5	1.9	5.6	5.0	23.0

Tab A24 [Fig 30] Percentage of total acquisitions in computing & information technology, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	computing & information technology
1984	2.4
1985	2.8
1986	2.9
1987	3.7
1988	5.5
1989	5.0
1990	3.9
1991	4.9
1992	4.8
1993	3.5
1994	3.4
1995	4.2
1996	5.0
1997	5.1
1998	5.0

Table A25 [Fig 31] Percentage of total acquisitions in other categories, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	reference etc	family, home & practical	sport, travel & leisure	children's & educational	Total % in these categories
1984	3.4	0.6	0.4	3.0	7.5
1985	3.6	0.7	0.5	2.1	6.8
1986	3.0	0.7	0.8	1.4	5.9
1987	2.7	0.9	1.3	1.1	6.0
1988	2.7	1.3	2.0	1.0	6.9
1989	2.3	1.3	1.7	1.8	7.1
1990	2.1	0.9	1.1	2.4	6.6
1991	2.5	0.6	1.0	1.6	5.8
1992	2.9	0.7	0.8	1.0	5.4
1993	2.7	0.8	0.4	1.0	4.9
1994	2.9	0.6	0.3	1.0	4.8
1995	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.4	5.8
1996	3.7	0.4	0.6	1.9	6.6
1997	3.7	0.6	0.9	1.7	7.0
1998	4.1	0.6	1.4	1.4	7.5

Table A26 [Fig 33] Percentage of acquisitions made in calendar year of publication or subsequent calendar year for broad categories of books, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	arts	humanities	social science	science/ technology
1984	74.7	75.6	76.9	71.6
1985	73.2	75.3	75.7	72.0
1986	72.2	76.5	79.1	75.4
1987	72.2	78.7	82.1	79.0
1988	72.6	77.5	79.3	74.4
1989	71.5	74.2	74.5	69.1
1990	68.2	70.2	69.8	68.8
1991	67.5	67.3	66.4	65.7
1992	68.3	65.4	67.7	65.8
1993	64.7	61.0	69.0	68.4
1994	63.6	59.0	67.0	68.2
1995	63.0	60.7	66.9	67.7
1996	60.0	59.7	69.0	65.8
1997	59.7	57.3	71.3	66.1
1998	59.2	58.2	73.9	70.1

Table A27 [Fig 34] Percentage of acquisitions made more than 5 calendar years after publication for broad categories of books, by year of acquisition, in academic libraries

Year of acquisition	arts	humanities	social science	science/ technology
1984	5.2	8.5	6.0	3.2
1985	8.7	8.3	4.5	3.5
1986	10.3	4.8	2.8	2.4
1987	8.6	3.1	2.1	1.4
1988	6.4	5.0	2.2	1.8
1989	8.3	6.2	3.0	3.8
1990	11.1	7.2	4.5	5.3
1991	9.4	8.3	5.8	6.0
1992	6.9	7.1	5.9	5.0
1993	7.4	6.1	5.9	4.0
1994	9.7	6.6	6.9	5.7
1995	9.8	6.0	7.4	6.7
1996	8.2	5.7	6.6	5.5
1997	10.7	9.2	6.0	4.7
1998	14.4	14.0	6.6	4.9