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The Archives' strengths are principally in the area of social history, although there are also important holdings in culture and the arts. The following are intended as guidelines to help inform the process of collection development:

- 1.** Collections must relate to the mission, which is to document all aspects of Puerto Rican history and culture of particular significance to the diasporic experience-primarily in New York but also throughout the U.S.
- 2.** Collections must be mostly original, authentic-that is, not available anywhere else-and can be from any time period related to the diaspora.

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3. Collections may be in all formats and may be created by individuals as well as organizations.

4. Collections are generally received by donations, that is, as gifts. Occasionally, exceptions are made to receive materials on loan, which must be for at least a 25-year period. The Centro has never purchased collections.

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