Distinguishing the collection:

- WTT Volumes (Blue dot)
- O’Dea Volumes (Blue dot with orange centre)

The WTT Collection is shelved on the First Floor of the library.

WTT reference volumes are shelved with the main reference collection on the Ground Floor.
**The WTT Collection 1996-2002**

**Placed on Trust to GMIT Library**

The Western Theological Trust Collection amounts to some 21,000 volumes. 15,000 are catalogued and searchable using the GMIT online library catalogue. This is the core of the collection and is available to all staff and students of the college. This collection is shelved on the first floor of the main GMIT campus library. The remainder of the WTT collection is classified in a storage area on the Cluain Mhuire campus for viewing with permission.

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**The O’Dea Collection**

Incorporated with the WTT collection is the O’Dea collection. The O’Dea collection amounts to over 4,500 volumes and was donated to GMIT by Galway Cathedral in 2000 so that use could be made of this extensive and valuable collection.

**Special Collection**

In addition to the core library there is a ‘Special Collection’. This collection has restricted access as the volumes are old and some are very rare. The famous ‘Migne’ collection is housed with these volumes. The Special Collection is held in the archive room.

The majority of the WTT collection is of a religious nature, however, subjects also include; philosophy, literature and history.

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**The Foundation of the Collection**

The Western Theological Institute whose interests included the founding of a good religious library in the West of Ireland acquired a collection of books in the 1980’s.

In the mid 1990’s this collection was placed on trust with GMIT and in 1996 the Cluain Mhuire Library Restoration Committee was selected to implement the procedures involved in setting up this library.

Fáis in conjunction with GMIT were responsible for the establishment and development of the library through a community response project.