

# Weeding 101: The Whys and Hows of Deselecting as a Team

## Print Resources:

- Hibner, Holly & Kelly, Mary. (2013). *Making a Collection Count: A holistic approach to library collection management*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cambridge, UK: Chandos Publishing.
- Jacob, Merle. (Spring 2001). Weeding the Fiction Collection: Or should I dump Peyton Place? *Reference & User Services Quarterly*, 40 (3) pp. 234-239.
- Larson Jeanette. (2012). *CREW: A Weeding Manual for Modern Libraries* [PDF]. Austin, TX: Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/1RV2Myz>.
- Vnuk, Rebecca. (2015). *The Weeding Handbook: A shelf-by-shelf guide*. Chicago, IL: ALA Editions.

## Selection & Deselection Policies:

- See examples included in Rebecca Vnuk's *The Weeding Handbook*, particularly:
  - Arizona State Library, Archives, & Public Records: Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2w1LFu7>
  - LaGrange Public Library's Collection Development Policy: Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2xg8PLO>
  - ALA's Workbook for Selection Policy Writing: Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2xvZNcU>
- Naperville Public Library's Materials Selection Policy [PDF]: Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2wJcOmu>

## Weeding Inspiration:

- Hibner, Holly & Kelly, Mary. Awful Library Books, available on Facebook, Twitter, and <http://awfullibrarybooks.net>. See also:
  - Formula that estimates shelf capacity: <http://bit.ly/2fCngv9>
  - SlideShare Presentations: Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2wrMkGs>

## Displaying in the Stacks:

- Hollands, Neil. (2017). Every Book Its Reader: The Simple Power of Putting the Best Face Forward. *Booklist*, 113:15, 23. Retrieve from <http://bit.ly/2iuFha8>.
- Anythink Libraries. (2013). Visual Merchandising Guidelines: Retrieve from <https://bit.ly/2Qj1ULL>.



## What to do with Discards:

- Craft Programs
- Prizes
- Library (or Friends) Book Sales
- Donate to local school or community center
- Donate to military: <http://booksforsoldiers.com/>
- Donate to prisons: <http://prisonbookprogram.org/>
- Better World Books (Earn % of sales): <https://www.betterworldbooks.com/>
- Discover Books (Pulps non-resellable books): <https://www.discoverbooks.com/>
- Thrift Books Library Program (Earn % of sales): <https://www.thriftbooks.com/library/>