



Weeding The School Library Collection

Additional resources to guide you in the process of weeding your school library collection

Sunlink Weed of the Month - Archive

The SUNLINK Weed of the Month program introduced a new weeding subject area each month from September 1997 to December 2005. The enclosed table shows the different topics covered by Weed of the Month by the primary Dewey® classification.

<http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/>

The Crew Method of Weeding Manual

This revision responds to the multitude of changes that have taken place in the library field over the last two decades. Much needed updates in the areas of multimedia and computer technology have been added, and options for the disposal of weeded materials have been augmented. The CREW guidelines by Dewey class are expanded and updated, with more attention focused on deselection criteria for children's materials.

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew/toc.html>

Collection Development - AASL Resource Guide

An annotated bibliography of resources for collection development for all levels of school libraries.

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/resources/collection.html>

Weeding – Arizona Dept. of Library

This section discusses the importance of having a weeding policy, the rationale behind weeding, some reasons it is difficult to weed, practical information for use in planning or conducting weeding, and options for the materials you remove.

<http://www.dlapr.lib.az.us/cdt/weeding.htm>

Weeding as Part of a Collection Development – Illinois State Library Media Assoc.

Guidelines for weeding.

<http://www.islma.org/pdf/weeding.PDF>

Musty

The cues offered by the acronym MUSTY, and suggestions for further guidance.

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/documents/weedingbrochure.pdf>

Weeding School Library Media Center Collections

This site presents some the personal "words of wisdom" about weeding a library media center collection. The practical essays include information from a survey of the literature, the Jefferson County (Ky.) Public Schools weeding manual, and the author's personal experience.

<http://www.pld.fayette.k12.ky.us/lms/weed.htm>

Baltimore County Public Schools.- Selection Criteria for School Library Media Center Collections

Reviews the selection criteria for library media materials, steps for implementing the policy once established, lists review and selection tools, along with special factors to consider when selecting (or deselecting) various media. There is also a guide to conducting an assessment and inventory project.

<http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/office/admin/selection.html>

Managing and Analyzing Your Collection - A Practical Guide for Small Libraries and School Media Centers

This easy-to-understand system is perfect for busy librarians and managers who want to systematize the management of their collections.

http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1054

Weeding

Provides general guidelines for weeding and retention, as well as strategies to overcome barriers to weeding, can be accessed online as an Adobe Reader PDF file, at:

<http://www.alastore.ala.org/img/169.pdf>

Less Is More - A Practical Guide to Weeding School Library Collections

To make weeding part of a library's ongoing procedures, it's best to do it in manageable doses.

http://www.alastore.ala.org/SiteSolution.taf?_sn=catalog2&_pn=product_detail&_op=1992

Weeding Library Collections – American Library Association

A collection of resources to aid in weeding.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alalibrary/libraryfactsheet/fact15.cfm>