Deselecting the Print Collection:
Planning and Implementing a Project for New Librarians

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Collection Management

- Making material searchable, accessible, and available.
- Print, online, and special formats.
- Cyclical process
  - Acquisition, deaccession, maintenance.
- Deaccessioning varies
  - Health/STEM, 3-5 years
  - Humanities, the older the better

A collection management policy is a must and it needs to be reviewed regularly.

Deaccessioning:
What to Think About

Collection Development Policy
- Current?
- Resources
  - Professional Organizations
  - Colleagues
Who is doing what
- Everyone has a role
Time
- It will take longer than you expected

2019: fall
New librarian

2020
Thinking about the print collection
Learning: ALA and MLA

2021
Start the project

2022: fall
Project completed
What to Think About

Disposal of Material
Better World Books, public library, sale, projects.

Coordination
Some days are slower than others. Always check.

Open Space
What to do with it?
Dealing with Faculty
Check the collection management policy

Working Together

• Supervisor
• Students

Circulation

• Staff
• Students

Cataloging

• Updates

Library

Workflow

Inventory list: librarian, cataloguer

Shelf reading: librarian

Pulling: librarian, students

Deaccession: students, cataloguer

Disposal: students, cataloguer

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Understanding what to do for my subject areas
Coordinating
Pulling books and not deaccession quickly
Resources

Collection Development. A list of resources and tools from ALA. https://www.ala.org/tools/atoz/Collection%20Development/collectiondevelopment

Core Collection development issues for the practitioner interest group. https://connect.ala.org/core/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=16c51780-7f4b-493d-bad1-71e466485fcb

Core technical services workflow efficiency interest group. https://connect.ala.org/core/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=891907d5-afdd-4332-9a61-7460c2e95474
