

Deselection of Materials Policy

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The Library is responsive to the needs and interests of the community. Materials are selected to address those needs.

However, because of limitations of space and arrangement new materials must often displace existing materials. Titles may otherwise be removed from the Library's collection because of poor physical condition, obsolete information, obsolete formats or being supplanted by newer editions.

Item use is a primary determinant of member interest and value. Past recent use tends to be the best indicator of foreseeable future use. Therefore, item use, both by individual title or individual collection, can, on appropriate occasions be used as criteria in determining whether library holdings are retained or otherwise returned to the community, sold, donated or removed.

Items removed from the collection are not necessarily devoid of merit; rather, in circumstances of a reasonable amount of shelf time have failed to engage local interest.

Selection and the removal of titles is the responsibility of the Library Director or delegated Library staff members.

Resources:

- Larson, J. (2012). CREW: a weeding manual for modern libraries. *Texas State Library and Archives Commission*. Retrieved <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/pubs/crew/index.html>
- Slote, S.J. (1997). *Weeding library collections: library weeding methods*. Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited.

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