

# **Red Feather Mountain Library District**

## **Deselection of Materials Policy**

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The Library's selection of material reflects the needs and interests of the community. This is detailed in the Library's Collection Management Policy.

Due to limitations of space and arrangement, new materials must often displace existing materials. Titles may be removed from the Library's collection due to:

- Poor physical, worn, or mutilated conditions
- Materials which contain obsolete or outdated information
- Superseded editions of specific titles
- Materials no longer of interest or demand

Deselection of Library materials, known as "weeding," is an essential part of maintaining a useful collection. The Library follows "weeding" guidelines from current, authoritative sources:

Item use is a primary determinant of member interest and value. Item use can be used as criteria in determining whether materials will be retained or otherwise returned to the community, sold, donated, or removed.

Items removed from the collection are not necessarily devoid of merit; rather, they are removed for reasons related to one or more of the above bullet points.

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

[ALA Weeding Guidelines \(2018\)](#)

[The CREW Manual: A weeding manual for modern libraries \(2012\)](#)

[Slote, Stanley J., Weeding Library Collections, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Libraries Unlimited, 1997](#)

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