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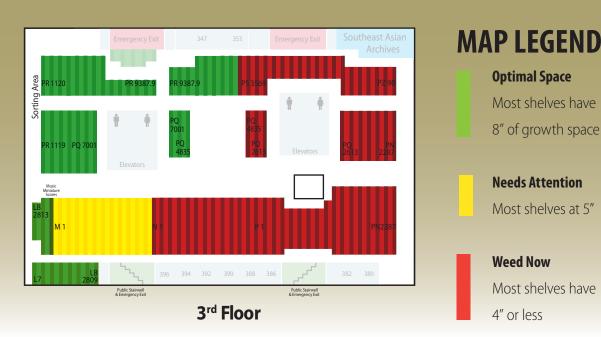
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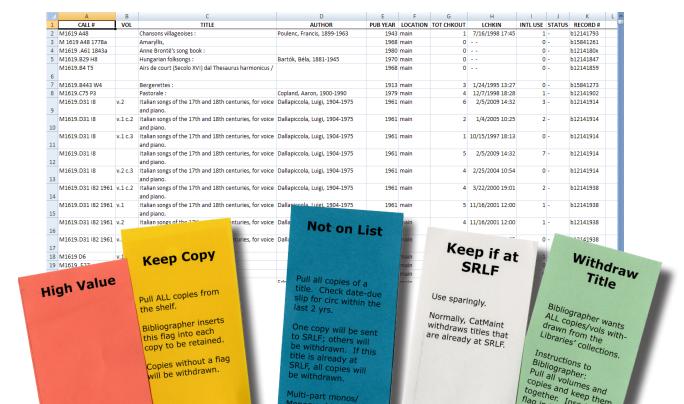
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Force Field Analysis of the Goal: Weed Year-Round





Criteria: Weeding & Retention Examples

- Remove paper format items when identical full-text online access is available.
- Keep items with unusual supplemental material.
- Winnow multiple copies.
- Winnow materials in subject areas that are over-represented in the collection except for those in which the university has a particular strength or research focus.
- Keep older editions only when the cost of newer ones is too high.
- Pull books whose online equivalents have better features.

Criteria: Weeding & Retention Examples: Disciplinary Differences

Arts & Humanities

- Transfer offsite well indexed items and/or those with good finding aids.
- Keep specific bound journals in paper in response to faculty request despite library holdings online.
- Ignore age.

Social Sciences

- Remove materials that are not well indexed.
- Remove nearly all foreign language materials.

Engineering, Medicine and Science

- In medicine, remove most materials 5 years and older. However, keep older materials in mathematics and chemistry. Math and physics researchers tend to compare the treatment of a single topic in multiple works and editions.
- Pull foreign language titles, which were previously in high demand.
- Ignore citation frequency and cost per use.



Communication & Organization

- Appoint a coordinator to oversee the involvement of bibliographers.
- Use a panel discussion of successful weeders to inspire others.
- Speak about weeding to all bibliographers individually and in meetings.
- Create a weeding presence online (wiki, guide, blog, LibGuide).
- Talk and email about the successful completions of weeding projects.
- Show the consequences of weeding and not weeding in visual and dramatic ways
- Give concrete ideas that can be applied while weeding (e.g. 8 inches for every shelf).
- Spread out the weeding over several bibliographers in more than one location.