



Downsizing the Business Print Collection

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Library Goals

- Create space for a new library building
- Make up for time spent not weeding the general print collection
 - Regular weeding was not happening
- Change in collection development philosophy
 - Want a usable and relevant collection for students that mirrors the curriculum
 - More equity for online students

Plan Overview

- Be organized and efficient
 - 1 year timeframe for making deselections
 - Break the deselection process into smaller chunks
- Rely on data-driven decisions
 - Avoid causing friction on campus
 - Remote work during the pandemic caused a lack of access to collection

Weeding Strategy

Keep

- Published in the last 15 years
- Checked out in the last 10 years
- Have a history of very high usage
- Classic books or prominent authors

Weed

- Outdated technology books (over 10 years old)
- Reference books

Conclusion

Library Outcomes

- Retaining approximately 15% of the business-related print collection (HA-HJ)
- A shared criteria in place for future weeding

Campus Outcomes

- A better catalog user experience for students looking for relevant materials
- Greater emphasis on teaching students how to use interlibrary loan services