



Library Collection Revitalization Project

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Our library's **physical** collection needs a refresh

Print books that you can hold in your hand!

Our online
resources are
extremely
popular



Last year...



200,000+ eBooks were
accessed **289,639** times



100 Databases were
searched **5,712,238** times

Our physical collection isn't being utilized enough



Last year...



Of ~71,000 titles, 2,819 titles circulated (4% of the collection)



538 titles circulated 3 or more times in the past 4 years (<1% of the collection)

Probably
because
our
collection is
very old!



47% of our books were
published before 1980



89% were published
before 2010



What are we doing
about this?

Revitalizing via selection AND de-selection

De-Selection ("Weeding")

We need to remove titles that are outdated, inaccurate, and otherwise irrelevant to our current students.

Would you recommend students use titles that are 50+ years old as a source for most underclass-level college assignments?



Our goal


Create a vibrant, usable,
and current collection that
is appropriate for our
audience of community
college students & faculty

We are
reviewing all
books that...

- Do not align with our collection development policy criteria
 - Were published more than 20 years ago
 - Have not circulated in the past 5 years
 - Fit MUSTIE criteria (Misleading, Ugly, Superseded, Trivial, Irrelevant, and Elsewhere)
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Discipline
experts, we
need you!

- We know that seminal texts exist (and that history & literature don't have the same limitations as our other disciplines)!
- Chairs will be receiving emails with lists of titles for potential withdrawal. Please provide your feedback!
- With 80,000 volumes to review, this process will take a few semesters.



What are you
doing with the
old books?

- Book fairs!
- Donating to prison libraries
- Donating to library friend groups

How you can help

- Provide feedback to the lists we'll be sending out!
- Ask us to order titles for any site - we love ordering for you

Further resources

- [BC Library Collection Development Policy](#)
- [CREW Weeding Manual](#)