

READY...

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WEEDING PROJECT

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SOUTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Current collection:
14,000 + items in print

Current users:
1,000+ students
70 faculty and staff

Current status:
Renovating and
expanding, new Media
Center to open May -
August



THE NEEDS

- Prepare for the upcoming move
- Complete the collection development plan remaining from last year
- Analyze and assess entire collection
- Update non-fiction for relevancy

THE GOAL

Complete the collection development plan from last year by analyzing the non-fiction collection in the call number range 940-999



THE REASON

This goal will meet all of the current needs in whole or in part.



THE PROCESS

1. Run Collection Age Reports to determine outdated material
2. Pull outdated materials from collection
3. Evaluate outdated material
 - Previous vendor analysis of collection
 - Some vendor suggested replacements already ordered
4. Weed as appropriate.
5. Integrate new materials into collection.
6. Evaluate Reference for integration into non-fiction
7. Re-evaluate collection.

THE RESULTS

Desired Outcomes

- A completed collection analysis of the non-fiction materials in 940-999 section
- Removal of outdated materials
- Increase Relevancy of collection
- Reclassify Reference materials into non-fiction as appropriate

Actual Outcomes

- A completed analysis of the non-fiction materials in the entire 900 section showing average copyright age of materials went from 1992 to 1995
- Removal of approximately 240 outdated materials in 940-999

GENERAL OUTCOMES

- Met 3 of 4 objective outcomes
- Completed two of the Media Center's needs for the year
- Assisted in remaining two Media Center needs for the year
- Entire 900's increased relevancy, not just project parameters
- Successful project completed
- Continuing to work on same process in other areas: currently 300's, fiction to follow

CONSIDERATIONS

- Certain materials left in collection may have kept collection age from increasing more. (WWII materials are older but very popular. Historical biographies is another area.)
- The details of the move are still in the process of being made. Shelving in the new Media Center is different in layout as well as smaller in amount of space. This postponed evaluating Reference for integration as it makes more sense to wait until after the move to consider.
- Some topics were weeded and not replaced in the new material that will need to be addressed in future book purchases.