

Periodicals Weeding: You Can't Do It Just Once!

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The First Project: Summer/Fall 2001

Online Journal Services

- JSTOR, Project Muse, ACM Digital Library
- Lots of print duplication on our shelves – how much room could we save?

How much went away?

- **Approx. 1900 volumes**

The Second Project: Fall 2001-Spring 2002

Why did we need to weed again?

- Planning underway for library renovation in summer 2002
- Bound periodicals needed to move off main floor to lower level of library
- Microfilm needed to be consolidated to make room

The Second Project: Fall 2001-Spring 2002

What might go?

- Titles no longer received
- Partial runs
- Online duplication – additional JSTOR, ACS, APS titles
- Created “annex” of very old, fragile titles

The Second Project: Fall 2001-Spring 2002

How did we decide?

- Librarians walked stacks, wrote down titles that looked “orphaned”
- Also concentrated on certain collection areas: library science, print indexes
- Titles searched in catalog – any candidates that were part of a larger run (title changes, etc.) were removed from consideration

How much went away?

- **Approx. 4500 volumes**

The Third Project: Fall 2003-Spring 2004

Center for Research Libraries, Chicago

- JSTOR bound volume survey, 2002
- CRL contacted us to ask us to participate in their JSTOR/CRL Journal Print Archive Project
- Looked at titles currently in JSTOR, forthcoming titles as well

How much went away?

- **Approx. 1600 volumes**

Ongoing Projects

- JSTOR/CRL
- Project Muse
- Sage Premier and Deep Backfile
- Microfilm
- Better World Books

Words of Wisdom

- Have a plan
- Do your homework
- Offer withdrawn materials to other libraries
- Document what you do!