

Weeding for Your Library's Health Print Tools

Baumbach, Donna J. and Linda L. Miller. ***Less Is More: A Practical Guide to Weeding School Library Collections*** (Chicago: ALA, 2006) In addition to presenting the philosophy behind weeding as a part of collection development, this provides hard copy access to the Florida's Weed of the Month program.

Children's Catalog (New York: H. W. Wilson) Published every five years, with annual supplements produced between editions, this lists and annotates fiction and nonfiction books (including picture books), and magazines which libraries serving children might reasonably be expected to have available.

Clayton, Peter and G. E. Gorman. ***Managing Information Resources in Libraries and Information Services: Principles and Procedures*** (New York: Neal-Schuman, 2001) Collection management of all media, including weeding, is broached at the introductory level. This makes suitable reading for support staff and volunteers who may be assisting in large weeding projects.

Doll, Carol A. and Pamela Petrick Barron. ***Managing and Analyzing Your Collection: A Practical Guide for Small Libraries and School Media Centers*** (Chicago: ALA, 2002) Here's practical and basic guidance for identifying quantitative criteria by which you can then measure your collection. These measurements are necessary to planning special weeding projects and guiding ongoing weeding efforts.

Fiction Catalog (New York: H. W. Wilson) Published every five years, with annual supplements produced between editions, this list of adult fiction is organized by author, with indexing by title, genre, and original language. While international in scope, this is limited to books available in the US and in English, and excludes most published by small or ethnic presses.

Middle and Junior High School Library Catalog (New York: H. W. Wilson, 2006) Young adult fiction and nonfiction appropriate to all reading levels in 5th to 8th grade are arranged by Dewey classification. With only 6,000 titles listed, most middle schools should be able to use this as a collection management guide.

Public Library Catalog (New York: H. W. Wilson) Published every years, with annual supplements between editions, this correlative to ***Fiction Catalog*** is organized by Dewey classification. Books for adults readers that the small to medium sized public library might reasonably be expected to offer are listed topically, with brief annotations.

More over

Senior High School Library Catalog (New York: H. W. Wilson) Published every five years, with annual supplements produced between editions, coverage here includes fiction, nonfiction, and titles appropriate to supporting teachers as well as students in addressing the curriculum needs of 9th to 12th grade. In addition to books, there is some CD-ROM coverage.

Slote, Stanley J. ***Weeding Library Collections: Library Weeding Methods*** (Englewood, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1997) This general introduction to planning weeding projects describes methods for public, school, and academic collections.