

# Adult Nonfiction Selection, Weeding, & Evaluation

*Collection Development Tools, Tricks, & Techniques  
from IFLS Librarians*



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# Deer Park Public Library

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**Deer Park**  
Public Library

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# Agenda

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- Introduction
- Evaluation
- Weeding
- Selection
- Questions & Answers at the end of the three presentations



# Deer Park Public Library

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- Smallest municipality in WI to have a public library, population of 263
- I've been the library director since 2016
- FTE staff 0.84
- Acquisitions Budget in 2023 was \$6,000, 2024 \$6500
- Total collection size 8,076 items



# **Value of nonfiction collections**

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# **Evaluation of Nonfiction Collection**

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# Evaluation of nonfiction collection

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- CREW Method
- MUSTIE criteria
- Create List function in Sierra
- Continually evaluating items
  - Paging
  - Returns
  - Physical observation of the nonfiction collection



# **Weeding the Nonfiction Collection**

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# Weeding the nonfiction collection

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## Weeding cart

- Weeding list
- Flags
- Library Director reviews the cart
- Items remain on cart until withdrawn

## What happens to withdrawn material?

- Obsolete or misinformation recycled
- Poor condition recycled
- Donated for book sales



# Selecting Materials for Nonfiction Collection

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# Selecting Nonfiction Collection Materials

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- Library Journal
- Baker & Taylor tools
- Library user and staff suggestions
- Social Media/TV/Radio
- Sierra's High Demand Holds List
- University Press Catalogs

# Thank you

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# Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland

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# Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland



*Blending the Old with the New!*

# TSAPL Staff



- 1 full-time director
- 9 part-time staff (10-20 hr/week)

# Selection of materials

- Library Journal
- Baker & Taylor browsing lists
- Starred reviews
- Bestsellers/IFLS #s
- Patron, & staff suggestions
- Monthly budget line item
- Foundation donations
- Special displays or unique to TSAPL

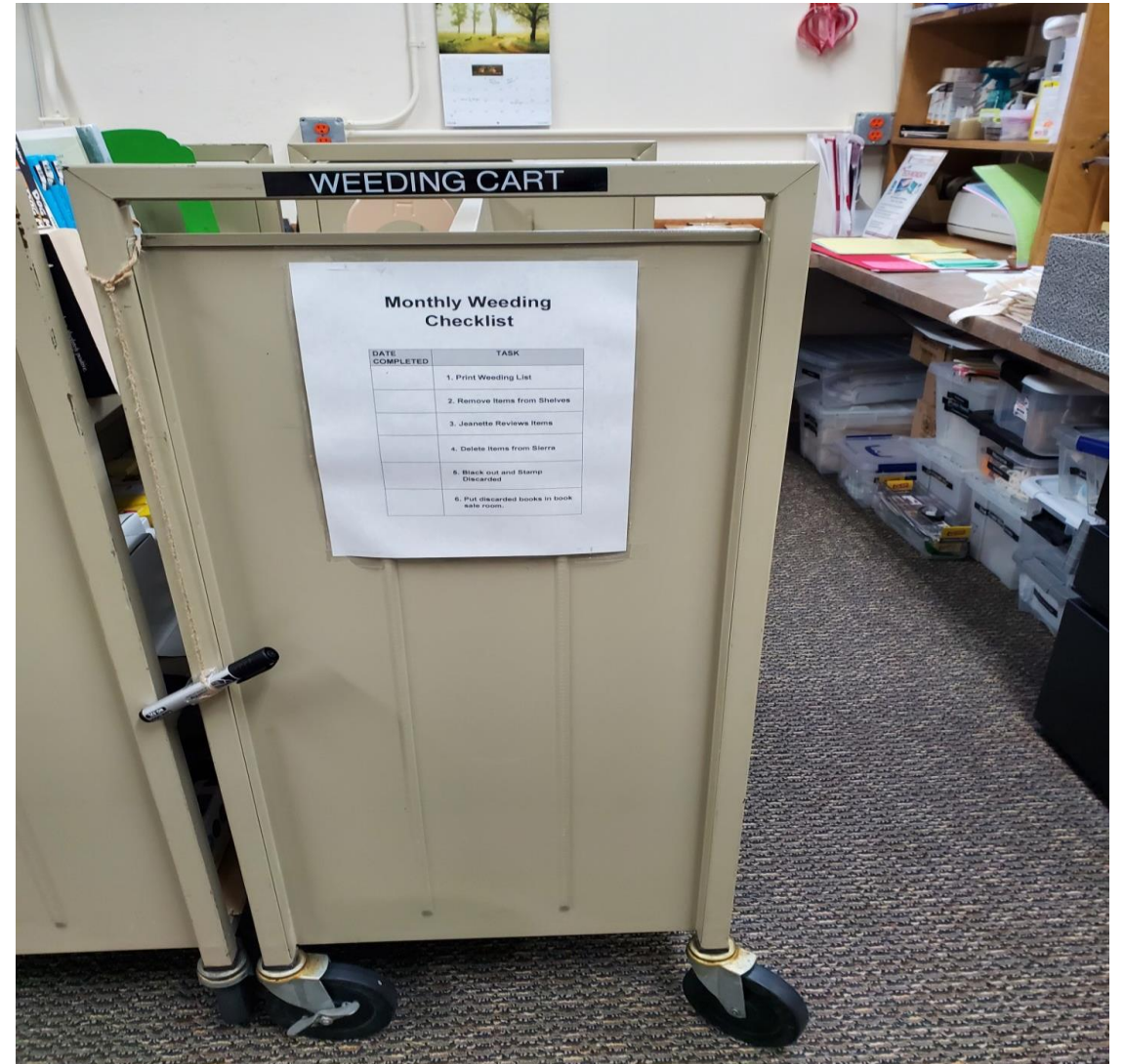


# Biggest changes in last 8 years

- LP collection increase
- Additional donations for honorariums and memorials
- Additional non-fiction specific to TSAPL and area
- Beginning weeding and evaluation processes

# Weeding process

- Cart located in staff workroom



## Monthly Weeding Checklist

DATE COMPLETED	TASK
	1. Print Weeding List
	2. Remove Items from Shelves
	3. Jeanette Reviews Items
	4. Delete Items from Sierra
	5. Black out and Stamp Discarded
	6. Put discarded books in book sale room.

# Shared process

Print list-Barb

Remove items-any staff

Review by Jeanette/Rob

Delete items-any staff

Black out & stamp discarded-any staff

Discarded items moved to sale room-any staff

# Evaluation

- IFLS tools
- Support from Cecelia
- Census data
- Anecdotal information –patrons & staff
- Patron participation in programming
- Annual library survey
- Budget cuts
- Shelf space

# Thank you!

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# **RICE LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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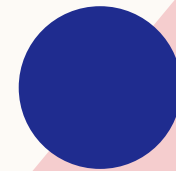
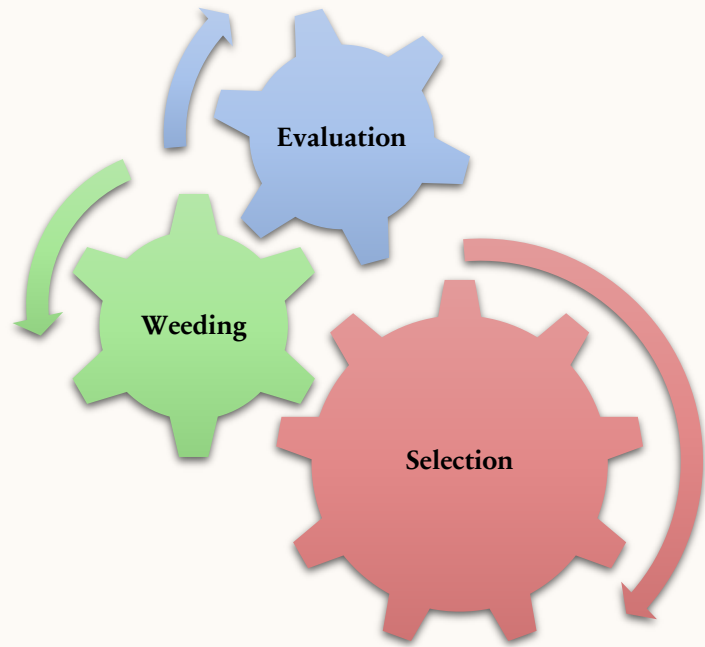




## ABOUT RLPL

- 12 Sections double sided (3ft each)
- 3 Selectors
  - Non-Fiction, Large Print Non-Fiction, Audio Non-Fiction, DVD Non-Fiction
- Budget for Adult Non-Fiction is approximately \$12,000/year

# COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT CYCLE





# EVALUATION & WEEDING

- Walking the Stacks
  - Monthly walk through (at least)
  - What's on the shelf – too much/little, damaged or out of date items?
- Upcoming Programs
  - Materials to align with program topics
- Community Needs & Changes
  - Layoffs or closures can indicate a need for resources in specific topics

# SELECTION

## Baker & Taylor

- New Release Calendar
- Bisac Browsing
- Reviews

## Library Journal

- Reviews/New Items
- Display Ideas

### Bisac Browsing

#### **ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES**

Advertising (40), Americana (300), Art (531), Autographs (65), more...

#### **BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Adventurers & Explorers (6500), African American & Black (2220), Arab & Middle Eastern (138), Artists, Architects, Photographers (7997), more...

#### **COOKING**

Baby Food (561), Beverages (14511), Celebrities & Media Tie-in (369), Comfort Food (604), more...

#### **DRAMA**

African (1198), American (13685), Ancient & Classical (3041), Anthologies (multiple authors) (1165), more...

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY**

African Languages (see also Swahili) (2452), Ancient Languages (see also Latin) (1265), Arabic (2392), Baltic Languages (635), more...

#### **HISTORY**

Africa (10762), African American & Black (2708), Americas (North, Central, South, West Indies) (6183), Ancient (52287), more...

#### **ARCHITECTURE**

Adaptive Reuse & Renovation (246), Annuals (237), Buildings (11144), Codes & Standards (269), more...

#### **BODY, MIND & SPIRIT**

Afterlife & Reincarnation (2971), Alchemy (188), Ancient Mysteries & Controversial Knowledge (2428), Angels & Spirit Guides (3762), more...

#### **COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Action & Adventure (348), Adaptations (421), African American & Black (2), Anthologies (1743), more...

#### **CRAFTS & HOBBIES**

Applique (393), Baskets (254), Beadwork (1287), Book Printing & Binding (366), more...

#### **EDUCATION**

Administration (11315), Adult & Continuing Education (6863), Aims & Objectives (3239), Arts in Education (694), more...

#### **GAMES**

Backgammon (9), Board (4), Board Games (8), Card Games (201), more...

#### **GARDENING**

Climatic (265), Composting (8), Container (619), Essays & Narratives (757), more...

#### **HOUSE & HOME**

Cleaning & Caretaking (13), Cleaning, Caretaking & Organizing (3031), Decorating (514), Decorating & Furnishings (4488), more...

# HAPPY SELECTING!



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# Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

