

Weeding Exercise

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Introduction

Upper Dublin Public Library is located in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The UDPL moved to its new location in 2020 and strives to be a “destination that connects visitors to books and other resources, to opportunities to learn and grow, and to each other,” (*About Us | Upper Dublin, PA*, n.d.). In 2022 they were named Library of the Year by the Pennsylvania Library Association due in part to the innovative support solutions they provided for their community following an E2 tornado impact in September 2021 (Tierney, 2022). As of July 2023, the estimated population of Upper Dublin Township is 27,205 people with 22.7% of that population being under 18 (*U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts*, n.d.). The Upper Dublin Public Library is a member of the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium, or MCLINC, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit comprised of all the public libraries in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The mission of this consortium is to provide libraries with the opportunities to govern themselves and provide the best possible customer service while also being able to take advantage of the group purchasing power this organization affords them (Heineman, n.d.).

Weeding

Weeding, or deselection, can be defined as “the removing of materials from a library collection in a systematic or deliberate way” According to Vicki Gregory, some of the benefits of weeding include stimulating circulation of items, saving space and time, enhancing the appeal of the shelves, establishing credibility of the library and the collection, responding to community needs and interests, and making room for new technologies and formats (Gregory, 2019). Weeding is often conducted on a set schedule established by the library’s collection policy, though it can be difficult to adhere to this schedule based on employee turnover or other major

disruptions to the library's plan of action. Other difficulties may be based on the state or institutional policies for how weeding is conducted and what happens to the books after they are deselected. While some libraries may be allowed to remove items from their collections and then sell or donate them, others may be required to follow more strenuous regulations set by the state or their parent institutions.

Methodology

Though the timelines and structure of weeding may differ from library to library, many institutions implement the CREW method when developing and assessing their collections. Published by the Texas State Library, *CREW: A Weeding Manual for Modern Libraries* provides an overview of their process of Continuous Review, Evaluation, and Weeding, as well as specific criteria for each section of the Dewey Decimal System (Larson, 2012). I chose to use the CREW method as it is the most popular and has the most literature describing the process and detailing any potential roadblocks a librarian might face. Librarians following the CREW method will periodically evaluate the quality of the material in their library and not be faced with the overwhelming task of feeling like they need to overhaul everything at once. Larson's handbook details a number of helpful factors to consider when evaluating each publication and provides the acronym MUSTIE (misleading, ugly, superseded, trivial, irrelevant, and elsewhere) to help us remember some of the main factors that should encourage us to weed a book (Larson, 2012). Following this acronym, a book may be considered "ugly" if it shows signs of damage, age, or has other obvious blemishes that make it unappealing to patrons. The "elsewhere" category may be used when a patron can access the resource by other means, including via interlibrary loan or from any number of online resources.

For this assignment, I chose to work with the titles from Upper Dublin Public Library's Young Adult Nonfiction section, specifically the 000 section of general information and the 700 section of arts and recreation. I chose these sections because they still have some relation to each other and when combined they yielded a total of 79 titles. The first elements I considered when deciding what should be weeded were the publication date of the item as well as the last time it circulated. Most items I selected for weeding had not circulated in five or six years and a few had never circulated. The only exceptions to this were titles I considered to have particularly outdated information or that I felt had been incorrectly added to the young adult collection. The biggest factor when weeding this collection was the currency of the information provided by the resource, its circulation statistics, and whether it was available for interlibrary loan through other members of MCLINC. Overall, the books in this section are in good condition and appear to be well cared for, though it seems likely that they have not been weeded recently. When I spoke to the librarians they explained that they had just finished weeding the adult nonfiction section, which is quite large, and would direct their attention to young adult nonfiction next. The biggest problem I faced was finding a library that would share its circulation statistics with me, in addition to figuring out what titles would make the best replacements for the ones I had deselected. When choosing these replacements I relied primarily upon recommendations from Kirkus Reviews as I found they had the widest variety of YA nonfiction reviews available without a subscription. Supplemental websites I utilized included book publishers like Wiley and Macmillan.

Call Number	Title	Author	ISBN	Publication Info	First Available	Last Checked Out	YTD Circ.	Prev Year Circ.	Lifetime Circ.	Weed:	Replacement
YA 004.16 HALFACRE	The official BBC micro:bit user guide	Halfacree, Gareth, author.	9781119386735	Wiley, 2018	12/17/2019		0		0	Weed: usage, available elsewhere	
YA 004.16 MONK	Micro:bit for mad scientists : 30 clever coding and electronics projects for kids	Monk, Simon, author.	9781593279745	No Starch Press, 2019	12/17/2019	6/22/2023	0	2	8		
YA 004.165 GAY	Advanced Raspberry Pi	Gay, Warren, author.	9781484239476	Apress, 2018	2/13/2019	3/15/2024	3		3		
YA 004.165 GODDU	Computing with Raspberry Pi	Goddu, Krystyna Poray, author.	9781541523456	Lerner Publications, 2019	2/13/2019	1/22/2022	0		3		
YA 004.1675 NORRI	Raspberry Pi projects for the evil genius	Norris, Donald (Electrical engineer), author.	9780071821582	McGraw-Hill Education, 2014	1/19/2016	7/20/2019	0		12	Weed: usage, ugly (cover is not engaging)	The Braniac's Book of Robots and AI, Paul Virr, Thames and Hudson 2023, Kirkus Reviews
YA 005.1 GONZA	Girl code : gaming, going viral, and getting it done	Gonzales, Andrea, author.	9780062472502	Harper, 2017	4/17/2018	4/30/2024	3		5		
YA 005.1 SANTO	20 easy raspberry Pi projects : toys, tools, gadgets, and more!	Santos, Rui (Writer on electronics), author.	9781593278434	No Starch Press, Inc., 2018	12/18/2018	3/12/2020	0		2	Weed: usage, additional copy available in adult nonfiction	
YA 005.133 KERAN	The power of Python	Keranen, Rachel, author.	9781502629487	Cavendish Square, 2018	12/18/2018	1/23/2023	0	1	8		
YA 005.133 MONK	Programming Arduino : getting started with sketches	Monk, Simon, author.	9780071784221	McGraw-Hill, 2012	1/26/2016	6/29/2024	3		37		
YA 005.133	Python for	Payne,	978148	Apress,	8/13/	9/18/2023	0	4	16		

PAYNE	teenagers : learn to program like a superhero!	James R., author.	4245491	2019	2019								
YA 005.133 SAUND	Coding : everything you need to get started with programming using Python	Saunders, Mike, 1942- author.	9781785211188	Haynes Publishing, 2017	1/22/2019	1/23/2023	0	1	26				
YA 005.133 VAIDYANA	Creative coding in Python : 30+ programming projects in art, games, and more	Vaidyanathan, Sheena, author.	9781631595813	Quarto Publishing Group USA, Inc., 2019	1/7/2020	6/21/2024	4	6	19				
YA 005.3 Lang	Become an app inventor : the official guide from MIT App Inventor : your guide to designing, building, and sharing apps	Lang, Karen, author.	9781536219142	MITeent Press, 2022	4/14/2022	1/18/2023	0	1	9				
YA 006.22 HAGEN	Easy micro:bit projects	Hagen, Eric (Professor of Visual Arts), author.	9781680455540	Maker Media, Inc., 2018	12/17/2019		0		0	Weed: usage, available elsewhere	Future Tense, Martha Brockenbough, Fiewel & Friends 2024, Kirkus Reviews		
YA 006.7 CIAMP	YouTube channels for dummies	Ciampa, Rob.	9781118958179	John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2015	1/10/2017	2/28/2020	0		11				
YA 027 BURKE	Makerspaces : a practical guide for librarians	Burke, John (John J.), author.	9781442229679	Rowman & Littlefield, 2014	1/19/2016	12/18/2018	0		8	Weed: usage, irrelevant (guide is aimed at librarians not youth)			
YA 027 HAMIL	Make it here : inciting creativity and innovation in your library	Hamilton, Matthew, 1971- author.	9781610695541	Libraries Unlimited, 2015	1/19/2016	12/3/2023	0	2	20				
YA 027.625 WALL	The maker cookbook :	Wall, Cindy R., author.	9781610696611	Libraries Unlimited, 2016	1/19/2016	6/5/2021	0		16				

	recipes for children's and 'tween library programs		6	2014									
YA 028.9097 MANNI	When books went to war : the stories that helped us win World War II	Manning, Molly Guptill, 1980- author.	978054 453502 2	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014	1/20/ 2016	4/27/2024	4	4	18				
YA 030 Horne.R	101 things you need to know : and some you don't	Horne, Richard, 1973-	978080 279674 5	Walker & Co., 2007	4/3/2 008	7/12/2021	0		24	Weed: usage, outdated, available elsewhere	What the Fact?, Seema Yasmin, Simon & Schuster 2022, Kirkus Reviews		
YA 070.43 OTIS	True or false : a CIA analyst's guide to spotting fake news	Otis, Cindy L., author.	978125 023949 5	Feiwel & Friends, 2020	11/19 /2020	3/22/2023	0	4	10				
YA 701 NICHOLS	Art of protest : creating, discovering, and activating art for your revolution	Nichols, De, author.	978153 622325 5	Big Picture Press, 2021	2/24/ 2022	10/19/2023	0	2	4				
YA 741.5 Amber.J	Drawing manga animals, chibis, and other adorable creatures	Amberlyn, J. C.	978082 309533 9	Watson-Gu ptill, 2009	4/20/ 2010	1/13/2018	0		30	Weed: usage, damaged, available elsewhere	How to Draw a Graphic Novel, Marco Maraggi, Thames and Hudson 2023, Kirkus Reviews		
YA 741.5 CINK	Powers of a girl : 65 Marvel women who punched the sky & changed the universe	Cink, Lorraine, author.	978136 802526 3	Marvel, 2019	4/23/ 2019	8/11/2023	0	1	3				
YA 741.5 ROSS	Marvelocity : the Marvel Comics art of Alex Ross	Ross, Alex, 1970- author, illustrator.	978110 187197 3	Pantheon Books, 2018	12/11 /2018	9/6/2022	0		9				
YA 745.59 CRAFT	Craftivism : the art of craft and activism		978155 152534 1	Arsenal Pulp Press, 2014	1/26/ 2016	8/22/2021	0		7				

YA 746.9 Teen	The teen Vogue handbook : an insider's guide to careers in fashion.		978159 514261 0	Razorbill, 2009	5/25/ 2010	7/20/2023	0	4	34		
YA 759.9492 HEILIGMA	Vincent and Theo : the Van Gogh brothers	Heiligman, Deborah, author.	978080 509339 1	Godwin Books, 2017	6/25/ 2019	7/22/2023	0	3	12		
YA 770.76 KYKER	Teaching digital photography : the ultimate guide to 'tween and teen learning	Kyker, Keith, author.	978161 069856 6	Libraries Unlimited, 2014	1/26/ 2016	8/22/2021	0		3	Weed: usage, intended for teaching teens, available elsewhere	
YA 777.34 CARUC	GoPro® cameras for dummies®	Carucci, John, author.	978111 900618 3	John Wiley & Sons Inc., 2015	1/26/ 2016	8/4/2018	0		4	Weed: usage, available elsewhere	Social Media, John Allen, ReferencePoi nt Press 2023, Kirkus Reviews
YA 780.922 RHODES	Playlist : the rebels and revolutionaries of sound	Rhodes, James, 1975- author.	978153 621214 3	Candlewick Studio, 2019	12/17 /2019		0		0	Last chance display	
YA 781.6 Goodm.R	Girls rock : how to get your group together and make some noise	Goodmark, Robyn.	978082 309948 1	Billboard Books, 2008	5/20/ 2009	11/22/2022	0		20		
YA 782.4 SMITH	BTS army handbook : unofficial	Smith, Niki, author.	978191 245621 5	Trafalgar Square Books, 2018	12/11 /2018	10/31/2023	0	6	23		
YA 782.4 SPRIN	BTS : K-Pop's international superstars	Sprinkel, Katy, author.	978162 937636 3	Triumph Books, 2018	12/11 /2018	10/31/2023	0	4	21		
YA 782.4216 Kang	Beyond the story : 10-year record of BTS	Kang, Myeongseok, author.	978125 032675 1	Flatiron Books, 2023	8/3/2 023		0		0		
YA 787.87 Flemi.T	The complete guitar course : learn to play in 20 easy-to-follow lessons	Fleming, Tom, 1975-	076210 662X	Readers Digest Association, 2006	7/27/ 2010	7/27/2023	0	2	38		

YA 791.43 Movie	The movie book		978146 543799 0	DK Publishing, 2016	2/28/ 2017	5/11/2024	3		35		
YA 791.4302 POLANSKY	If Keanu were your boyfriend : the man, the myth, the WHOA!	Polansky, Marisa, author.	978031 646101 6	Little, Brown and Company, 2019	12/17 /2019	12/21/2019	0		1	Weed: usage, trivial	
YA 791.4302 RABB	Joss Whedon as Shakespeare an moralist : narrative ethics of the Bard and the Buffyverse	Rabb, J. Douglas, author.	978078 647440 0	McFarland & Company, 2015	1/19/ 2017		0		0	Weed: usage, intended audience does not appear to be young adults	
YA 791.4372 McCab	Harry Potter : page to screen, the complete filmmaking journey	McCabe, Bob.	978006 210189 1	Harper Design, 2011	1/3/2 017	1/9/2024	1	2	30		
YA 791.4375 LUCEN	Star Wars : the complete visual dictionary		978146 547547 3	Lucas Books : DK Pub., 2018	12/11 /2018	10/23/2023	0	7	17		
YA 791.4375 REVEN	Harry Potter : the character vault	Revenson, Jody, author.	978006 240744 3	Harper Design, 2015	1/10/ 2017	8/4/2022	0		38		
YA 791.4375 REVEN	Harry Potter : the creature vault : the creatures and plants of the Harry Potter films	Revenson, Jody, author, illustrator.	623742 30	Harper Design, 2014	12/27 /2016	3/8/2022	0		16		
YA 791.4375 REVEN	Harry Potter : the artifact vault	Revenson, Jody, author.	978006 247421 6	Harper Design, 2016	1/10/ 2017	4/8/2022	0		19		
YA 791.4375 REVEN	Harry Potter : magical places from the films : Hogwarts, Diagon Alley, and beyond	Revenson, Jody, author.	978006 238565 9	Harper Design, 2015	12/27 /2016	3/8/2022	0		17		
YA 791.4409 Howel	The amazing book is not on fire : the world of Dan and	Howell, Dan, 1991- author.	978110 193984 0	Random House, 2015	12/22 /2015	5/3/2018	0		13	Weed: usage, trivial, available	Indignerds, Alina Pete, Iron Circus Comics 2024,

	Phil									elsewhere	Kirkus Reviews
YA 791.45 Klick	Slimed! : an oral history of Nickelodeon's golden age	Klickstein, Mathew, author.	9780142196854	Plume, 2013	11/5/2013	3/9/2023	0	2	25		
YA 791.45 Rudit	The Star trek book	Ruditis, Paul, author.	9781465450982	Dk Publishing, 2016	2/28/2017	6/28/2023	0	4	17		
YA 791.457 HOLDE	Buffy the vampire slayer encyclopedia : the ultimate guide to the buffyverse	Holder, Nancy, author.	9780062659668	Harper Design, 2017	10/17/2017	3/3/2023	0	1	6		
YA 791.4572 MCINT	Stranger things : worlds turned upside down : the official behind-the-scenes companion	McIntyre, Gina, author.	9781984817426	Del Rey, 2018	12/11/2018	9/19/2022	0		18		
YA 791.4575 Sicil	The art of Rick and Morty	Siciliano, James, author.	9781506702698	Dark Horse Books, 2017	10/10/2017	7/10/2024	2	4	20		
YA 792.02 Silve.L	The 7 simple truths of acting for the teen actor	Silverberg, L. (Larry)	157525462X	Smith and Kraus, 2006	7/28/2009	6/19/2019	0		5	Weed: usage, outdated	Exploring Careers in the Creative Arts, Don Nardo, ReferencePoint Press 2023, Kirkus Reviews
YA 793.3808 METZ	The prom book : the only guide you'll ever need	Metz, Lauren.	9781936976287	Zest Books, 2012	1/26/2016	5/10/2018	0		2	Weed: usage, available elsewhere	
YA 793.93 WYATT	The art of Magic, the Gathering : Zendikar	Wyatt, James, 1968- author.	9781421582498	Viz Media, 2016	8/16/2016	12/3/2022	0		18		
YA 793.932 GUTHA	Minecraft modding for kids for dummies	Guthals, Sarah, author.	9781119050049	John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2015	1/26/2016	8/22/2022	0		23		
YA 794 Iwamo.K	Go for beginners	Iwamoto, Kaoru, 1902-1999.	394413520	Pantheon Books, 1976	8/18/2009	10/17/2023	3	0	2	14	

YA 794 Shotw.P	Go! : more than a game	Shotwell, Peter, 1941-	080483 475X	Tuttle Pub., 2003	8/18/ 2009	7/4/2024	2		31		
YA 794 Shotw.P	Go basics : concepts and strategies for new players	Shotwell, Peter, 1941-	804836 884	Tuttle Pub., 2006	7/10/ 2009	7/4/2024	2	2	29		
YA 794.8 BLEVINS	Ninja : get good : my ultimate guide to gaming	Blevins, Tyler, 1991-author.	978198 482675 6	Clarkson Potter/Publishers, 2019	1/7/2 020	4/13/2021	0		2		
YA 794.8 ESPORTS	Esports : the ultimate guide.		978133 858054 9	Scholastic, 2019	12/23 /2020	4/3/2023	0	5	13		
YA 794.8 Hansen	The greatest stories ever played : video games and the evolution of storytelling	Hansen, Dustin, author.	978125 018356 9	Feiwel and Friends, 2022	5/5/2 022	3/22/2024	4	2	7		
YA 794.8 HENNE	The comic book story of video games : the incredible history of the electronic gaming revolution	Hennessey, Jonathan, 1971- author.	978039 957890 8	Ten Speed Press, 2017	12/18 /2018	3/3/2024	2		11		
YA 794.8 Koste.R	A theory of fun for game design	Koster, Raph, 1971-	193211 1972	Paraglyph Press, 2005	7/14/ 2009	1/18/2021	0		37	Weed: usage, trivial (appears to be intended for adults)	Your Turn!, Scott A Rogers, Wiley 2023, Wiley
YA 794.8152 OHANL	Adventures in Minecraft	O'Hanlon, Martin, author.	978111 894691 6	John Wiley, 2015	1/20/ 2016	7/15/2021	0		10		
YA 794.9 Hansen	Game on! : video game history from Pong and Pac-man to Mario, Minecraft, and more	Hansen, Dustin, author.	978125 029445 6	Square Fish, 2019	6/18/ 2019	3/3/2024	2	3	15		
YA 796 PARIS	Shohei Ohtani : the amazing story of baseball's two-way Japanese	Paris, Jay, author.	978168 358302 8	Two Rivers Distribution, 2018	12/11 /2018	5/13/2024	2	2	6		

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YA 796.082 Blume.K	Let me play : the story of title IX, the law that changed the future of girls in America	Blumenthal, Karen.	689859 570	Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005	8/3/2 005	5/9/2019	0		30			
YA 796.323 BRYAN	Legends : the best players, games, and teams in basketball	Bryant, Howard, 1968- author.	978039 916905 2	Philomel Books, 2017	6/19/ 2018	6/2/2023	0	3	18			
YA 796.323 HOOSE	Attucks! : Oscar Robertson and the basketball team that awakened a city	Hoose, Phillip M., 1947- author.	978037 430612 0	Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018	12/26 /2018	6/27/2019	0		2	Weed: usage	Inaugural Ballers, Andrew Maraniss, Viking 2022, Kirkus Reviews	
YA 796.323 PETERS	Great moments in basketball history	Peters, Stephanie True, 1965- author.	978031 604483 7	Little, Brown, 2009	7/2/2 019	5/30/2024	3		8			
YA 796.4209 Bascomb	The race of the century : the battle to break the four-minute mile	Bascomb, Neal, author.	978133 862846 3	Scholastic Focus, 2022	5/24/ 2022	9/8/2023	0	2	2			
YA 796.4809 MARANISS	Games of deception : the true story of the first U.S. Olympic basketball team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany	Maraniss, Andrew, author.	978052 551463 3	Philomel Books, 2019	1/7/2 020		0		0	Last chance display for summer olympics		
YA 796.52 Kraka	Into thin air : a personal account of the Mount Everest disaster	Krakauer, Jon.	385494 785	Anchor Books, 1999	9/11/ 2013	4/22/2024	1	5	71			
YA 796.5223 Ralst	127 hours : between a rock and a hard place	Ralston, Aron, author.	978145 161770 2	Pocket Books, 2010	6/24/ 2014	3/3/2024	2		14			

YA 796.6 COPPO	Holy spokes! : a biking bible for everyone	Coppolillo, Rob, author.	978193 697623 2	Zest Books, 2013	2/23/ 2016	8/13/2018	0		7	Last chance display	
YA 796.7209 BASCOMB	The racers : how an outcast driver, an American heiress, and a legendary car challenged Hitler's best	Bascomb, Neal, author.	978133 827741 8	Scholastic Focus, 2020	12/15 /2020	2/4/2023	0	1	3		
YA 796.8155 POLLY	American shaolin : flying kicks, buddhist monks, and the legend of iron crotch : an odyssey in the new China	Polly, Matthew.	978159 240337 0	Gotham Books, 2008	1/20/ 2016	8/2/2018	0		1	Weed: usage, available elsewhere	Unstoppable!, Maggie Nichols, Roaring Brook Press 2024, Kirkus Reviews
YA 796.8309 FLORIO	War in the ring : Joe Louis, Max Schmeling, and the fight between America and Hitler	Florio, John, 1960- author.	978125 015574 0	Roaring Brook Press, 2019	7/30/ 2019	4/8/2022	0		2		
YA 797.123 Brown	The boys in the boat : nine Americans and their epic quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics	Brown, Daniel James, 1951- author.	978014 312547 1	Penguin Books, 2014	6/19/ 2019	6/25/2024	8	8	20		

Decision Narrative

I began the process of weeding these collections by focusing first on the 000s selection of general information and coding. Twenty-one of the seventy-nine titles evaluated belonged to this section. Of these twenty-one titles, I weeded six and replaced three. Two of the titles, *The official BBC micro:bit user guide* and *Easy micro:bit projects* had never circulated and were available for loan elsewhere within the consortium so I decided to weed them, leaving the more

popular micro:bit book remaining in the collection. I replaced *Easy micro:bit projects* with *Future Tense*, a book that focuses on the development and expansion of AI and is specifically geared towards teens. I felt that this title would interest a similar demographic as the micro:bit projects and provide a look at more current topics in technology. The next title I weeded was *20 easy Raspberry Pi projects*, which I chose not to replace as it is also available in the adult nonfiction section of the same library. I decided to weed *Raspberry Pi projects for the evil genius* as it has not circulated in five years and presented similar material to the previous title, I chose *The Brainiac's Book of Robots and AI* as a replacement because it draws connections between AI and coding while also presenting the information in a way that is accessible for younger readers. The next title I deselected was *Makerspaces: a practical guide for librarians*, I felt that this title did not belong in this section and as it had not circulated in six years I was comfortable removing it without providing a replacement. Finally, I chose to weed *101 things you need to know: and some you don't*. This title was published in 2007 and I felt that by this point the information it contained was likely to be outdated, I chose to replace it with *What the Fact?* a media literacy guide for teens as it has become increasingly important for young people to be able to vet the information they encounter online. In my search for a replacement, I found that the popularity of books similar to *101 things you need to know* seems to have decreased as it was difficult to find a 1:1 replacement for this title.

After completing the generalities section I moved on to the 700s section and began weeding, for the most part, in numerical order. I began by looking for the titles that had never circulated and found that there were three in this section. I weeded one item *Joss Whedon as Shakespearean moralist: narrative ethics of the Bard and the Buffyverse* since I felt it was irrelevant to the YA nonfiction section, its possible that if this title were added to the adult

nonfiction it might have a chance of circulating but for the purpose of this exercise I believe it should be removed. The other two titles from this section that had never circulated are *Playlist: the rebels and revolutionaries of sound* and *Games of deception : the true story of the first U.S. Olympic basketball team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany*, both of which I decided should be featured in a last chance display. *Playlist* was published in 2019 and added to the library's collection in late December of the same year which leads me to believe it simply didn't get the chance to be featured due to the COVID-19 pandemic. *Games of deception* falls into the same category as it was added to the library's collection in January of 2020 and I feel it would be of particular interest to patrons if placed on a display highlighting books relevant to the Summer Olympics. The final item I selected for last chance display is *Holy Spokes!: a biking bible for everyone*, though this title has not circulated recently I believe that the information is not likely to be particularly out of date and it could still prove interesting, especially in the summer months.

Returning to numerical order, the next title I chose to weed was *Drawing manga animals, chibis, and other adorable creatures*. Though this title was popular in the past, it had not circulated since 2018 and was beginning to show some wear from the use it sustained. I chose to replace it with *How to Draw a Graphic Novel* which I believe reflects the current interests of young adults and is a better reflection of trends in the world of art. The next item I weeded was *Teaching digital photography : the ultimate guide to 'tween and teen learning* which I believe was incorrectly categorized as being a book for young adults, rather, it is a book intended to guide someone who is teaching young adults. As was the case with *Makerspaces*, it is possible this book could be moved to another section of the library, but the information is likely quite outdated as it was published in 2014. I chose not to replace this title since I believe there are likely a larger number of online resources aimed at teens than the print books that may be written

about this topic. The next book I deselected was *GoPro cameras for dummies* which I chose not to replace as there are a variety of current online resources available on this topic, and it is also available elsewhere in the consortium.

The next title I chose to weed was *If Keanu were your boyfriend : the man, the myth, the WHOA!* due to its trivial nature and the fact that it only circulated once in 2019. While I did attempt to find a replacement for this title related to another pop culture figure such as Taylor Swift, I was ultimately unable to find something substantial. Continuing with the theme of popular culture, the next book I chose to weed was *The amazing book is not on fire : the world of Dan and Phil*, which had not circulated since 2018. I chose to replace this title with *Indiginerds*, an anthology that explores how Indigenous creators are able to balance their traditions with pop culture and current trends. *The 7 simple truths of acting for the teen actor* was the next title I chose to weed from the collection as it was published in 2006, had not circulated in the past five years, and contained outdated information regarding the acting industry. I elected to replace this title with *Exploring Careers in the Creative Arts*, a book that provides a more comprehensive look at a variety of different avenues a young person could explore when considering a future in the arts industry. *The prom book : the only guide you'll ever need* was the next outdated title I felt needed to be weeded and replaced. I selected *Social Media: does the good outweigh the bad?* as its replacement since I felt this title represented a more up-to-date and modern point of view, while also being a possible resource for school assignments.

While *A theory of fun for game design* had circulated quite a bit up until 2021, I felt that it needed to be replaced with a more modern title that reflected other avenues of game design. I chose *Your Turn! The Guide to Great Tabletop Game Design* as its replacement based on the recent resurgence in popularity of tabletop games like *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Pathfinder*, and

Magic: The Gathering. The next title I chose for weeding and replacement was *Attucks! : Oscar Robertson and the basketball team that awakened a city*, taking into consideration the fact that it had not circulated in five years and was unlikely to draw much attention since it focuses on a basketball star who played in Cincinnati and Milwaukee in the 60s and 70s. I felt *Inaugural Ballers* would make a good replacement as it discusses the history of Women's basketball, including interviews with members of the 1976 Women's Olympic Basketball team. Given the recent popularity of Caitlin Clark and the fact that the Summer Olympics are being held this year, I believe this title would be quite popular. Finally, I chose to weed the title *American Shaolin : flying kicks, buddhist monks, and the legend of iron crotch : an odyssey in the new China*, as it is not necessarily a book intended for a young audience, and has only circulated once since it was first acquired in 2016. The replacement I chose was *Unstoppable!: My Journey From World Champion to Athlete A to 8-Time NCAA National Gymnastics Champion and Beyond*, which tells the story of Maggie Nichols's career as a gymnast, and covers sensitive topics like sexual abuse in a careful and considerate way.

Conclusion

Overall, it's easy to see how weeding might become a dreaded task in any library, especially due to its time-consuming nature. Weeding works best if done continuously so that the librarian does not feel rushed to make room for new titles. A successfully weeded library has up-to-date and useful material that is easy to locate and not obstructed by tattered, outdated items. This exercise represents a valuable lesson on the importance of weeding and how it can be done efficiently and comprehensively across all the genres a library contains, especially for a student who does not yet work in a library setting.

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