

# \*Weeding!

Making room for the new stuff

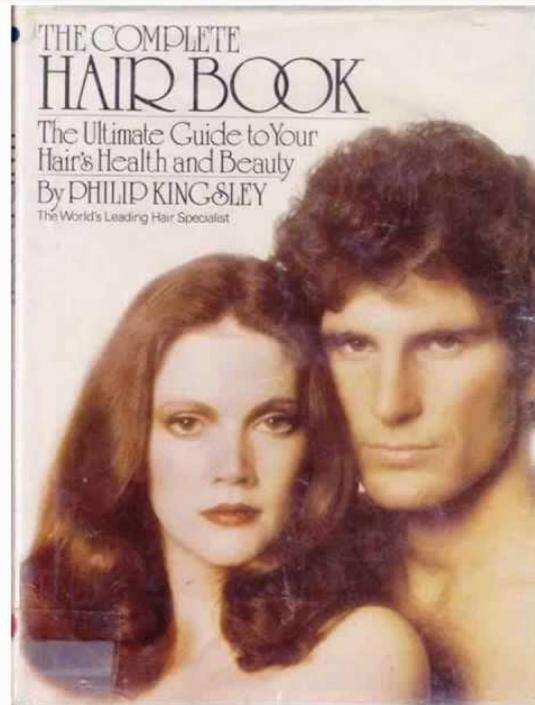
**WHY IS THE LIBRARY**



**GETTING RID OF BOOKS?**

## **Keep or Weed?**

The Complete  
Hair Book:  
The Ultimate  
Guide to Your  
Hair's Health  
and Beauty  
Kingsley  
1979



- \* Make room for new material
- \* Accessibility
- \* Encourage browsing
- \* Make searching easier and quicker
- \* Keep collection current & useful
- \* Maintain accuracy
- \* Highlight the good stuff!
- \* Increase circulation!

**\* Why do we weed?**

Books, in and of themselves,  
are not sacred objects.

Libraries exist to make  
information available, not to  
warehouse unused books.



-Jeanette Larson, SLM Program  
Workshop on Collection Development

**SHELF CHECK 238 - BY POESYGALORE**

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\*Continuous

\*Review

\*Evaluation

\*Weeding

\*CREW

**M**isleading and/or factual inaccuracies

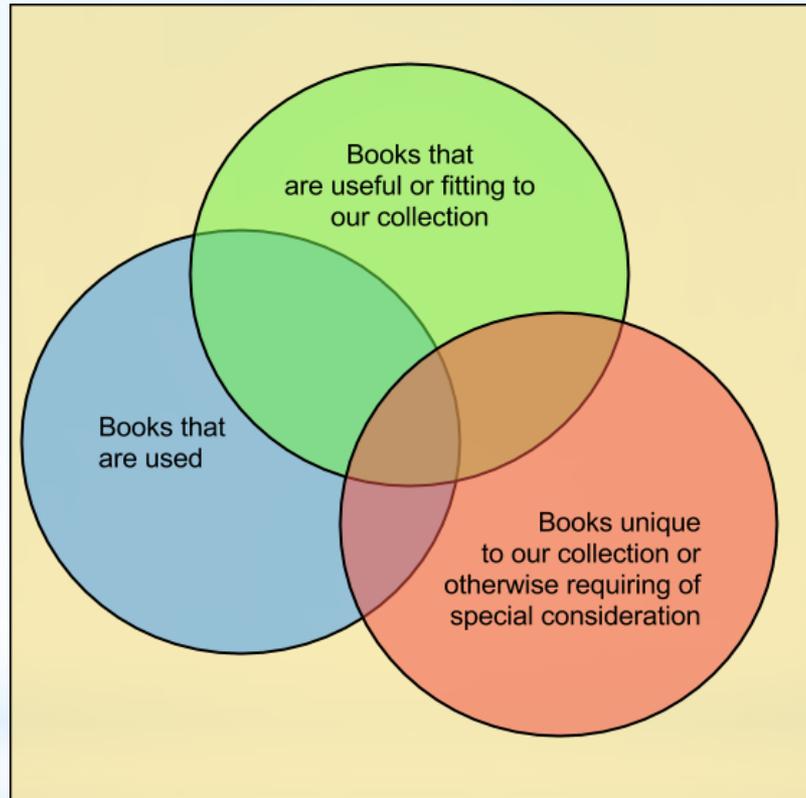
**U**gly – Worn out beyond mending or rebinding

**S**uperseded by a new edition or better source

**T**rivial – No discernible literary or scientific value

**I**rrelevant to the needs and interests of your community

**E**lsewhere – Easily obtained from another source



- \* Space - Do you have room for 2 copies?
- \* Budget - Can you afford to buy a more updated book?
- \* Time - Do you have time to review the entire collection or just a section?
- \* Need - Does your community need all those books on the French Revolution?
- \* Safety - Could that 1970 book on STDs cause someone harm?

## \* Considerations

- \* Popularity - Are vampires still hot in your community?
- \* Appropriate - Is material presented in a blatantly racist, sexist or homophobic manner?
- \* Circulation - Has anyone checked that out recently?
- \* Cover - Maybe the paperback cover is more appealing?
- \* Presentation - Are your shelves jammed?

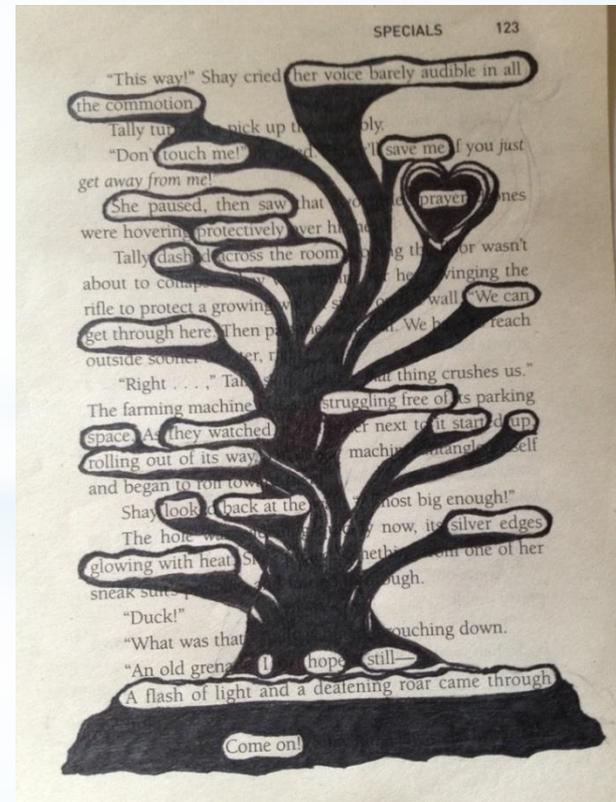
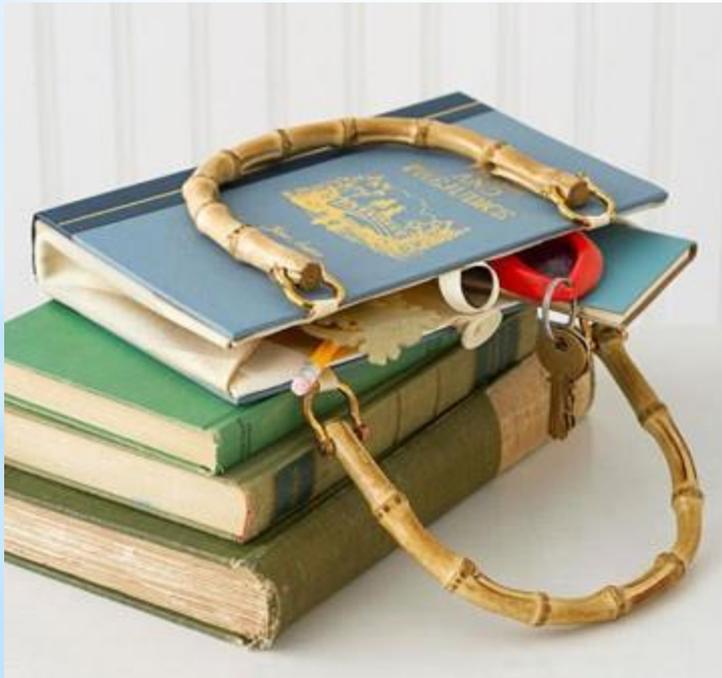
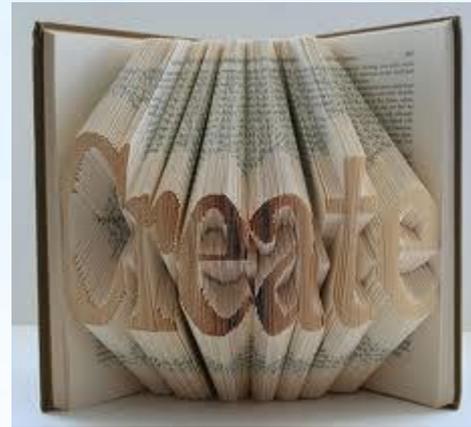
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# \* Public Relations

- \* Book sales
- \* Giveaways
- \* Craft Projects
- \* Donate to prisons, retirement homes, etc.
- \* Don't throw them all away at once.
- \* Every community is different!

## \* Avoiding Controversy



- \* [Crying Over Spilled Milk](#)
- \* [The Art of Weeding](#)
- \* [Weeding Tips](#)
- \* [The CREW Method from Texas State Library](#)
- \* [Discards & Donation Programs](#)
- \* [Weeding Library Collections - a web resource](#)

 **Resources**