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CREW : Pathway To Weed- Out Library Collection Minakshi Baburao Bondge

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Abstract:

This article emphasizes the need to develop own weeding out policy to keep the library collection up-to-date, live and attractive. It also discusses how implementation of CREW helps to find out reasons of weeding library material, criteria, significance of weeding. Recently librarians are establishing collection development and maintenance policies to acquire need based collection. Finally some tips and suggestion are given to library professionals for the development of weeding – out policy.

Keywords: Library collection, CREW , Weeding-out, Criteria

Introduction :

Weeding is an inseparable procedure in library management . Library professionals have to face many challenges during the weeding process. As libraries are social media of thought content , it should be maintained on regular interval. Weeding process is systematic removal of resources ,continuously performed by libraries to keep the collection healthy , live and appealable. Based on certain criteria weeding is process of removing and DE shelving collection from library. Weeding - out must be translucent, convenient and inclusive to maintain standards of libraries. According to Harrod' s Librarian Dictionary " weeding is discarding books from stack which are considered to be of no further use." Academic libraries frequently employ a methodology for weeding such as MUSTIE & CREW.

CREW : (Continuous, Review, Evaluation, Weeding).

This method was given by Joseph P Segal in 1980, which include selection, acquisition, cataloguing , circulation of book. It is benchmark tool for weeding . As per CREW method following are the criteria toweed out library material.

M : Misleading

U : Ugly, beyond repairing

S : Superseded

T : Trivial

I : Irrelevant to the needs of users

E :Else were, material easily obtainable.

Criteria for weeding :

Weeding process is done under the guidance of UGC, government GR/ Circulars. Librarian must know the interest, abilities , reading levels, learning capabilities of users. Following are the criteria to be followed by library professional before weeding. Criteria is necessary for quick decision.

> Utilization

>Condition of the material

> De shelving

>Prepare list

> Approval from library advisory committee and college development committee.

> Inform to account section

> Write off from accession register

> Write off from software.

> Withdrawn stamping

>Disposal – Exhibition, sell, pulping, sold as scrap

Physically worn books, multiple volumes, maps, mutilated books beyond repairing, non circulated, ephemeral material such as news paper, magazines, brochure, obsoleted material, dictionaries & encyclopedias of old editions can be weeded from collection.

Weeding necessary to find out strengthen and weaknesses of collection, to increase accessibility of material , to remove obsolete material, to make best use of space.



Weeding saves time of users, creates space for new collection, makes collection more appealing, updating collection and increase reputation of library by getting constant feedback from users.

Conclusion :

Weeding out is an integral and vital activity of library. It is a daunting task for librarians and library professionals. CREW method is one of the best reference source and pathway weeding out library collection. CREW also helps to develop own weeding out policy for library to overcome shortage of space, human being money and time.

Recommendations:

- > Check collection on regular interval.
- > Make systematic plan of weeding.
- > Librarians must follow established standards and guidelines, circulars of governments.
- > Library must develop its own weeding – out plan and policy.
- > Weeding out policy should clearly explain the purpose of weeding,

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