

## 2019 Weeding Project: Improving Our Library

### Get Flex Credit

The Kentfield Library is in the process of updating our collection by weeding materials that are no longer relevant to current COM curriculum. This will help us prepare for our move into Fusselman Hall in spring 2020 and—more importantly—it will help us make room to add more up-to-date, culturally-inclusive sources once we move into the new LRC! See below for a more detailed description of the project.

- **Flex Credit:** Faculty are eligible for up to 5 hours of flex credit per semester for helping with Weeding. Log your hours in ProLearning, accessible through the MyCOM portal.
- **When:** This project will take place between Flex week and mid-October.
- **Where:** The Kentfield Library stacks.
- **How:**
  - Please stop in at designated times during Flex Week and/or College Hour to learn the ropes.
  - Then stop back at your convenience during open hours to continue weeding. Library Hours for fall semester are Monday - Thursday, 8am - 8pm and Friday 8am - 2pm.
  - Simply turn books to be discarded onto their spine.

Please note: We are sorry to inform you that faculty may not take (or request to take) items that are being discarded, as this project is complicated and on a tight timeline. Thanks for your understanding!

### Weeding Defined

College of Marin faculty librarians are continually working to assess the Library's book collection. The first step in this process is "weeding," which is library speak for choosing which materials to discard. Weeding entails reviewing titles based on currency and relevance to our students, faculty, staff, curriculum, and mission. Items that are out-of-date or no longer relevant are then discarded to make room for new materials.

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The Kentfield Campus Library will be moving into Fusselman Hall in March 2020 as the College prepares for construction of a new LRC Building as part of Bond Measure B. As the Library prepares for the move, we're beginning to weed (i.e. remove items from) the physical collection. Weeding is always hard -- knowing what's useful and what isn't useful is tricky, and there is often debate about what should be kept. This particular round of weeding is necessary and it will be significant for the following reasons:

- The KTD collection hasn't been sufficiently weeded in over twenty years:
  - 83% of our collection was published before 2000
  - 91.5% was published before 2010
  - Over half of the collection has not circulated since records have been computerized
- Now is the perfect time to weed:
  - We'll avoid moving books that no longer serve our students and faculty
  - The current collection is 95k items. We'll have shelf space for 60k items during temporary housing in Fusselman. Our goal is to weed approximately 37% of the KTD collection to avoid wasting College space/resources paying for a portable for off-site storage of books that will not fit in Fusselman Hall. Having said this, we're weeding to strengthen collection, not to save space or money.
- We'll still have a strong collection:
  - We are keeping books from every time period that are considered essential to a well-rounded collection, regardless of how many times they have circulated
  - We are part of MARINet, which gives us access to books countywide
  - We are part of LINK+, which gives us access to books throughout California and Nevada
- Still uneasy? Here are examples of the kinds of books we are planning to discard:
  - Communication in the Business Organization - 1962
  - The Architect's Guide to Computer-aided Design – 1988
  - A New Approach to College Reading – 1964

### Collection Development Defined

The primary goal of the Library collection is to support the curriculum and instructional programs of College of Marin as outlined by the five education pursuits included in the College of Marin Mission Statement [1]:

- Preparation for Transfer to Four-Year Colleges and Universities
- Associate Degrees and Certificates
- Workforce Education
- Basic Skills Improvement
- Lifelong Learning and Community and Cultural Enrichment

The Library collection shall include a variety of resources in subject areas not covered by classroom instruction, but are generally supportive of a learning environment. The library also collects popular or general interest materials as they relate to the needs and interests of the college community. For members of the community whose needs are beyond the scope of library collections, faculty librarians may help to identify and locate such materials at nearby libraries.

- New Patterns of Management – 1961
- International Law Today and Tomorrow -1965
- Human Sexuality in Today's World – 1977
- The Modern Practice of Adult Education – 1980

- What will we do with the books?
  - We'll be sending them to Better World Books, an organization which collects and sells books online to donate books and fund literacy initiatives worldwide.
  - "Better World books believes that education and access to books are basic human rights. That's why books sold on BetterWorldBooks.com help fund high-impact literacy projects in the United States and around the world."
  - The Library receives a small payout for donations to BWB (typically a few hundred dollars per year), which goes into the College's general fund.
  - Learn more here: <https://www.betterworldbooks.com/>
  - Faculty may not take (or request to keep) items that are behind discarded, as this project is on a tight timeline.

Even if we weren't moving, our students and faculty deserve a collection that better serves their needs.

Thanks so much for your support as we undertake this enormous initiative to improve the Library!

Click to read more about the Measure B Bond Program:

<http://measurebcom.org/>

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The Library will acquire and

make available materials in

various formats, acquisition development, weeding

existing collections, and develop procedures to maintain the quality of collections and information resources.

The faculty librarians strive to provide a collection which represents many viewpoints.

Acquisition of materials does not imply endorsement of the contents or the views expressed in those materials.

No material will be excluded from the collection because of the race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political or social viewpoint, or controversial nature of either the author or of the material.

Click here to read the College of Marin Library Collection Development Policy.

[1] In accordance with the current College of Marin Mission Statement.

URL: <https://libguides.marin.edu/weeding>

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