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You've heard of COMmon Read, get ready for COMmon Weed! All libraries must weed to remove outdated material and to ensure adequate shelf space for new items and browsing. The Kentfield Library will focus on weeding and selecting new titles throughout the 2023-24 academic year as we gear up to move into the new LRC! Stay tuned to learn how you can help ensure the Kentfield Library's physical and digital collections are providing access to anti-racist materials to support teaching and learning in your discipline.

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 Items that are out-of-date or no longer relevant are then discarded to make room for new materials.

Learn more about our 2019 Weeding Project.

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.

The Library will acquire and make available materials in various formats, evaluate 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.