

Preparing for “The Big Weed” in Milner Library’s Physical Nursing Collection

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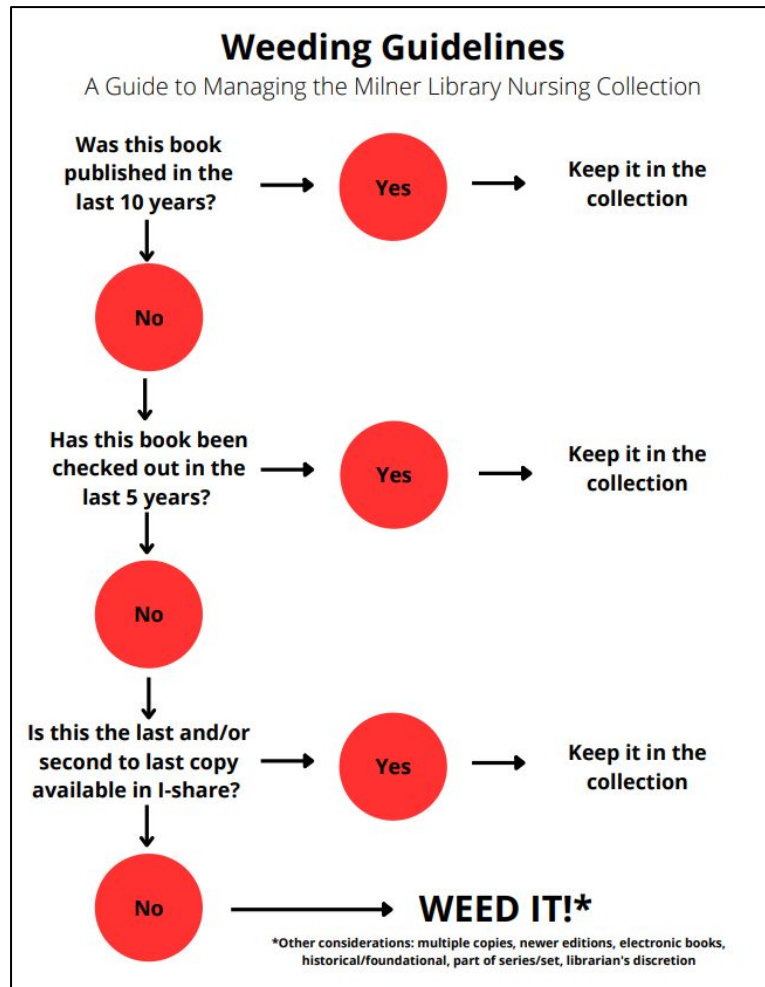
The task:

- ▶ Give some MAJOR attention to the physical nursing collection
- ▶ What I knew:
 - ▶ Call number ranges
 - ▶ QP, most of R section
 - ▶ Size of physical collection
 - ▶ Approximately 17,000 items
 - ▶ No specific weeding guidelines
 - ▶ No recent major deaccessioning project

The plan:

- ▶ **Develop guidelines**
- ▶ Complete an initial weed of the entire physical collection
- ▶ Create a plan for future, less daunting collection management endeavors

The guidelines:



- ▶ Was this book published in the last 10 years?
- ▶ Has this book been checked out in the last five years?
- ▶ Is this the last/second to last copy available in I-share?

Conclusion:

- ▶ Next steps:
 - ▶ Develop guidelines - DONE!
 - ▶ Complete an initial weed of the entire physical collection
 - ▶ Create a plan for future, less daunting collection management endeavors
- ▶ Hear more at the 2023 Midwest Chapter/MLA Virtual Conference in October!
- ▶ Contact me 😊
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