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?

*Other considerations: multiple copies, newer editions, electronic books, historical, foundational, part of series/set, librarian's discretion.
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!

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