



North/Nord

Collections Workshop:


Let's talk: weeding communication in the collections lifecycle.

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North/Nord acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories and homelands of many Indigenous peoples, who have existed here since time immemorial. Many Indigenous Peoples call the territories in which North/Nord works home including First Nations, Métis and Inuit. We uphold relationships and seek to collaborate with all Indigenous peoples to share truth, reconciliation and learning.

North/Nord reconnaît que nous sommes sur les territoires traditionnels et les terres d'origine de nombreux peuples autochtones, qui existent ici depuis des temps immémoriaux. De nombreux peuples autochtones considèrent les territoires dans lesquels North/Nord travaille chez eux, y compris les Premières Nations, les Métis et les Inuits. Nous entretenons des relations et cherchons à collaborer avec tous les peuples autochtones pour partager la vérité, la réconciliation et l'apprentissage.



French language in this session

Bienvenue à nos collègues francophones. Malheureusement, cette session sera offerte en anglais seulement. Si vous pensez qu'il serait utile d'organiser une rencontre en français, veuillez communiquer avec nous et serons heureux de le faire. Pour la suite de la rencontre d'aujourd'hui, bien que la présentation soit en anglais, je vous invite à intervenir dans la langue de votre choix.

Introductions

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In today's session we will...

- Frame weeding in the context of shared print
- Highlight the importance of communication and confidence
- Share resources that will help - because communicating is hard work
- Workshop a scenario
- Review key messages





What is a Shared Print Program?

- Coordinated effort to assign collective responsibility for the preservation of physical library materials
- Member libraries commit to retain assigned titles for a predetermined period, or transfer material to another library that will retain them ; other libraries may choose to weed those same titles knowing they're still available via ILL
- Public retention statements are added to marc records to signal to the library to keep the item, and to signal to others that the item is being preserved



Shared print programs in North America

- [North/Nord](#)
- [Keep@Downsview](#)
- [COPPUL SPAN](#)
- [Western Regional Storage Trust](#) (West)
- [Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust](#)(EAST)
- [ReCap](#)
- [HathiTrust Shared Print Program](#)



Weeding Communication in the Collections Lifecycle

Developed by Aaron Krebeck, Anna Striker, Marie Waltz and Louise White as a subgroup of the joint Rosemont/Partnership Communications and Advocacy working group.

Based on interviews with practitioners at 13 institutions in Canada and the US.

Follows the model of a Best Practice - Good, Better, Best- with a notable addition - Try to Avoid.

Includes infographic and FAQ.

Now workshop it!

A history professor walks into the library...

[Discussion document](#)





Key messages

Avoiding the topic does not make it easier; always emphasize shared print and access connections; normalize weeding as healthy collection maintenance; build your confidence by being prepared.

Tap into communications advisors - With organizational support provided by CARL/ABRC, communications professionals working in Canadian academic libraries meet on a semi-regular basis. The group functions as a community of practice, and covered topics such as how to develop a communications plan, social media, newsletter creation, and building cross-campus partnerships. There are more than 40 universities represented in the group.



Talking the talk

<https://www.library.mun.ca/geii/Keep@Downsview/>



Resources

- **Partnership/Rosemont Weeding Communication in the Collections Lifecycle (2022):**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kqcqtElejXsk3g6cL51hS9Br5Qz-c6MK/view>
 - **Includes infographic that libraries can leverage in their local communications**
- Partnership Best Practices for Weeding (2023): <https://sharedprint.org/best-practices/best-practices-for-weeding/>
- American Library Association. Collection Maintenance and Weeding (2018):
<https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/selectionpolicytoolkit/weeding>
- ALA RUSA Shared Collections Interest Group bibliography (living document):
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WaGLmiN5tedLWe_joyJQmUix5G-uKDa4QV2_Dj3fZ5g/edit

Documents in draft:

- Gap Filling Process Matrix:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSaQMp156HVdf4StMBP3oBpvXiPzc9FJlilwVigedprrtbRDv4O6CzmWjdyIs8a7OXYLFojoo6NiOcl/pubhtml>
- Deselection/Gap Filling Resources:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSvYeaW8OuFO4wwh--NCwAY_8o5HwzOx2MgWRDJoh6gy_7Y9G_K-DEa4rw2cVb9NrOiEJ-C8KmX5Btu/pubhtml



North/Nord Webinars

Recordings and slides for webinar series

- Shared Print Retention Commitments, September 27th, 2023
- Let's talk: weeding communication on the collections lifecycle, January 31, 2024
- Collection Overlap Analysis Tools - May 2024, exact date TBD



Questions or Comments

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