

Section by section – Handout

Basic criterion

- Age
- Usage over a range of time
- Date of acquisition
- Number of copies
- Superseded editions
- No longer support curriculum
- Availability from other sources
- Condition
 - Mold/mildew
 - Excessive marking
 - Brittle pages
 - Torn or missing pages
 - Damaged covers
 - Just worn out and ugly

What not to weed (will vary by library and department)

- Local authors/local history
- Faculty authors or books about the university
- Classics/core titles in the field
- Primary sources
- Biographical dictionaries
- Children's prize winners
- Southern Baptist noted authors and history

Links/Bibliography

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