Don’t Get Lost in the ‘Weeds’

A Critical Look at Serials Management

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Began in 2012 with Selectors weeding journals [i] that no longer supported the academic curriculum, [ii] that were included in acquired databases & not classic titles, and [iii] that were obviously unused & neither core nor classic titles.

Moved in 2013 to replacing the conventional buy-if-requested-&-keep-forever subscription “rule” with an objective process [i] purchasing/retaining from core-title lists regularly solicited from College Departments and [ii] terminating subscriptions to journals that are little/not used (unless core or classic titles) or duplicated in databases the Library subscribes to.
Serials Management: Implementing & Refining

Evaluating the existing Serials Collection … print & online … on the basis of two criteria for retaining-or-weeding:

- Duplication, and
- Usage statistics.

Then employing ILL for articles in little-used journals.

Easy in theory. Difficult in practice.
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