

**Meeting of the Membership  
Sponsored by Collection Management SIG**

Wed., February 14, 2007  
9:00 a.m.-noon  
Concordia University –  
River Forest Room, Koehneke Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Weeding Print Collections**

*Gain insight from two librarians who have weathered the weeding experience! There will be time to share your own questions and ideas.*

**Criteria for Managing Print Reference in the Digital Age**

Many of the functions of traditional print reference have been taken over by electronic databases, so much so that at Saint Xavier University Library print reference is now considered supplementary to the library's two primary collections-databases and circulating books. Over the past few years, print reference was brought under budgetary control. It remained, however, out of control physically, taking up space out of all proportion to its meager share of the materials budget. This talk describes our search for criteria for what belongs, and doesn't belong, in print reference in light of the collection's current supplementary role.

**David Kohut** is an Associate Librarian at Saint Xavier University. He has worked with the library director on collection-development guidelines for the library's strategic plan.

**How We Threw Away the Junk and Kept the Gems** (at least in our opinion...!)

For many years, the acquisitions budget at Wheaton College was consistently adequate in supporting our curriculum, and the library had plenty of shelf space. But we kept buying, the college added a couple advanced programs with special needs, and some donors gave us some nice books, so we ran out of space. Add to that the need for computer workstations and training classrooms and we REALLY ran out of space.

From our old policy of "Why spend time weeding if you have room to keep the books?" we had to face the fact that no new building was on the way. Compact shelving only goes so far, so we needed to start disposing of some resources. This talk will be about the criteria we used, and how we built relational connections with our faculty in order to make wise decisions that would keep them from freaking out (and us from throwing away, say, the works of William Shakespeare and Charles Darwin!)

**John Fawcett** is Head of Collection Development at Buswell Library at Wheaton College. At age 45, he is trying to keep up with an active 4-year old, a 1-year old, and a job that involves figuring out what's worth buying from a scholarly world that just won't stop publishing!

*As always...refreshments will be served...*

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