

# Collection Weeding: an Example in Collaboration

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## My responsibilities

- Purchase physical & digital books
- Oversight of physical collection
- Weeding
- Collection Development Cmte (CDC)

## Collection profile

- 374,643 physical items
- 180,837 unique monographic titles (40% digital)
- 13,019 serial titles (60% digital)

Current acquisitions = 95% digital



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# GreenGlass

- Analyzes a library's collection and compares it to all libraries with holdings in OCLC.
- Incorporates circulation and shelving data
- Snapshot in time of a library's collection, what's unique and been used
- Dashboard for queries and graphical display of data

# Weeding at Lane

- No formal, systematic weeding process in place
- A resource library for health sciences
- Pitched GreenGlass to CDC
- Paid for it with OCLC credits
- Commissioned analysis in early 2020



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# COVID Shutdown

Library closed March 2020 August 2021

Significant budget cuts in 2020/2021

GreenGlass analysis was completed in June 2020



Our building is closed, our services are open.

**The library is CLOSED until further notice**

We will continue to offer remote workshops, consultations, live chat reference and, of course, 24/7 access to our knowledge resources on the Lane Website.

<http://lane.stanford.edu/>

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**No weeding could be done with no one in the library – or could it?**

# Newark – Our offsite storage problem



- ❖ 18,500 books
- ❖ 30,000 foreign dissertations

Proposed to CDC

- Empty Newark and discontinue lease
- Weed and save more in long term storage fees



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# Using GreenGlass to Weed Newark

1. Identify titles where Lane is the only CA library to own the edition
  - Move to the new storage facility first
1. Identify titles with no circulation history that are widely held elsewhere
  - Key librarians would review list
  - Weed the titles from collection
1. Move the remaining titles to new facility



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# Using GreenGlass to Weed Newark

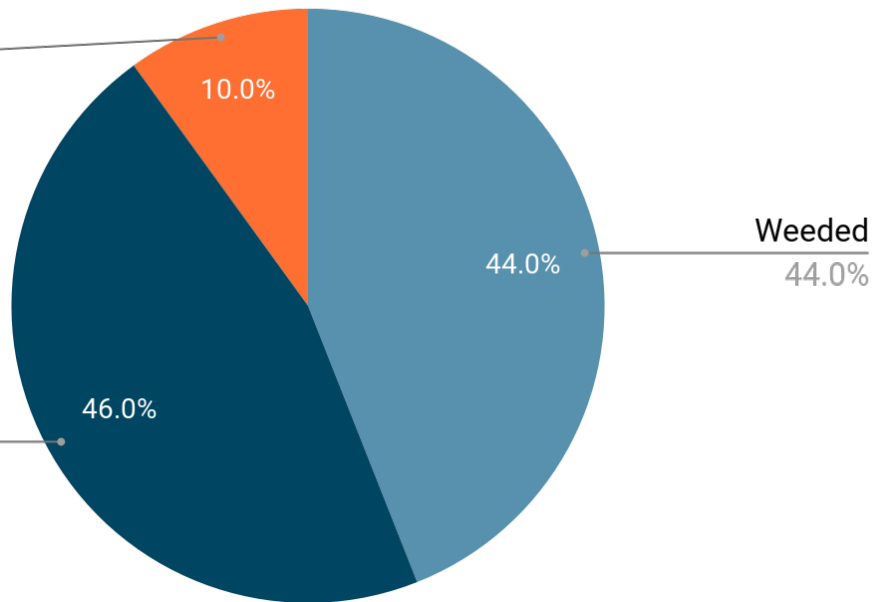
**18,500 Items**

Unique to Lane

10.0%

Retained

46.0%



→ **Saved \$6600/year  
+ the cost of the  
discontinued  
lease**



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# Foreign Dissertations

CDC decided to find a new home

- Inadequate resources to catalog them
- Long-term high-density storage > \$15,000/annual costs

We contacted:

- The other Stanford libraries
- University of North Carolina
- Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill University
- Center for Research Libraries
- CadeususL listserv



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# Internet Archive

- 8,000 weeded items
- All foreign dissertations

**By August 2021, Newark was empty!**



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# Beyond Newark

- ❖ Completed weeding audiovisual materials
- ❖ Begun reference collection

# Thank you!

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