Getting down & dirty with weeding

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Why do we weed?
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• Get rid of dirty, worn, or outdated items
• To make room—damn those prolific authors
• Upcoming inventory
• Collection is new to you
How to weed?
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- Schedule a time
- Figuring out the sweet spot
- Creating reports—laptop/tablet vs. paper
- Set guidelines for prolific authors
- Enlist help with passions
When to weed?
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- Hair analogy
- Make sure your Board of Trustees & Selectboard are informed
- Do not be negatively influenced by patrons
What to do with all those books?
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Or movies, music, audios?

- Sell them
- Give them away
- Upcycle
- Recycle
What to do with all those books...

Rabbit Sculpture by Mike Turner
Arcana Workshop
Questions/Comments

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