Gone but not Forgotten: A Remote Storage Success Story

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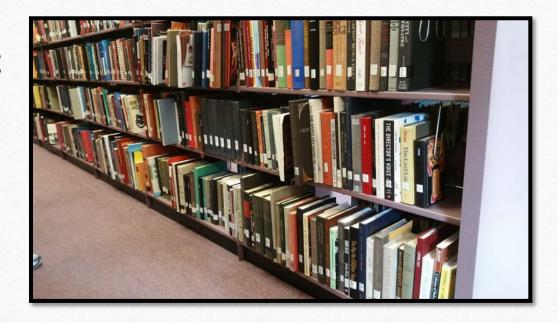
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Which type of library are you currently working in?

The Problem

- Overcrowding
- Almost 25 year old building: HVAC issues
- Projected increase in volumes
- Resistance to and time constraints of weeding



Has your library reached (or will soon reach) shelf capacity?

Researching Options

- Campus storage facility
- Nearby storage spaces
- PALCI investigated remote storage as a consortia

Are you considering a remote storage project in the near future?

If you answered 'Yes', when are you planning on implementing the project?

Iron Mountain

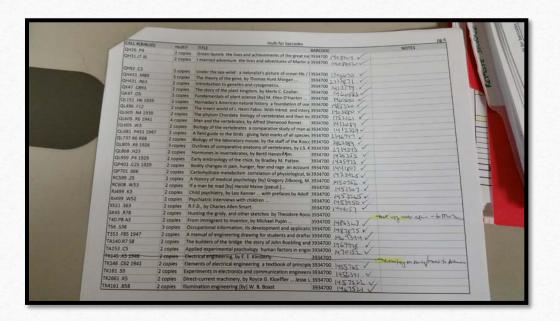
- 24 Hour Turn Around
- Cost
- Guarantee safe, climate controlled environment
- Worked with other libraries
- Trusted, well known company



Which remote storage options are you considering? Select all that apply.

Selection Process

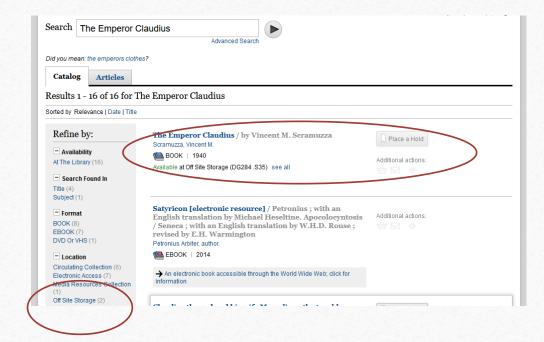
- Subcommittee
- Selection Criteria
- Pulling lists
- Reviewing titles



Do you have 'buy-in' for your project from your constituents, i.e.: faculty, administration, library board, etc.?

Catalog Changes

- Location Codes
- Placing Holds—Item Retrieval
- Two systems that did not communicate



Logistics

- Timing
- Work Space
 - Technology (software, scanners, & PCs)
 - Security
 - Square footage



Logistics

- Sample Test Run
- Supplies
- Additional Carts
 - Library Book Trucks
 - Special Library Mover Carts



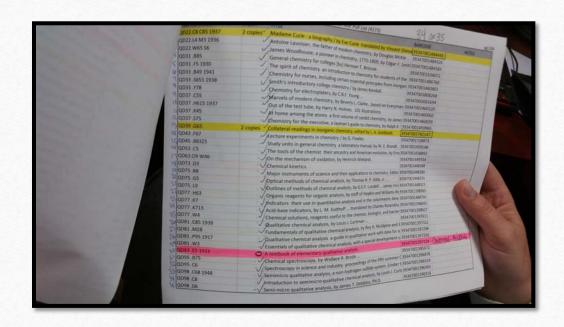
Workflow

- Team
- Schedule
- Lists
- Pulling
- Processing
- Editing



Workflow

- Errors in catalog records—
 Problem Carts
- Packing
- Reconcile numbers
- Shifting and dusting



Problems

- Smart barcodes
- Mismatched titles
- Incomplete records
- Old books, recent purchase
- Wrong editions
- Condition



Have you reviewed your current catalog records for 'problems'?

Further Developments

- Systems enhancements
- Weeding project
- Template for future projects

Will 'weeding' be a part of your remote storage project?

So Far, So Good

- 6 Titles Retrieved
- Happy Faculty
- Less Resistance
- Open to Weeding
- Started Conversations





Thank You!

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