RISING TO THE OCCASION: CURATING CIRCULATING COLLECTIONS BEGINNING WITH A TEST PREP BOOK Deselection Project

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BACKGROUND

- HEALTH SCIENCES MATERIALS PATRON NEEDS
- BOARD EXAM UPDATES
METHODS

- ILS EXCEL REPORT SHOWING USE
- NLM CLASSIFICATIONS: 18, 18.2
- SUBJECTS: BOARD REVIEW, SECRETS
- 699 BOOKS FOR REVIEW
- 7 WEEKS OF REVIEW
RESULTS

• WEEDED 579 OUT OF THE ORIGINAL 699 IDENTIFIED BOOKS
• KEPT 91
• 30 FROM OUR LIST WERE EITHER LOST OR MISSING
• WEEDED 258 THAT WERE SHELVED IN THESE CLASSIFICATIONS, BUT HADN'T MADE THE REPORT
• TOTAL WEEDED: 837
CONCLUSION

• PRICE FOR MAINTAINING CURRENCY OF THESE TYPES OF MATERIALS IS MINIMAL

• NOT ALL OF THESE BOOKS SHOW UP ANNUALLY ON THE APPROVAL PLAN, SO WILL NEED TO MONITOR FOR UPDATES

• TEST PREP BOOKS IN PRINT FORMAT GET A HIGH USE AT OUR LIBRARY DESPITE SUBSCRIBED ONLINE TEST PREP RESOURCES