

**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**