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GOAL

- Remove enough materials from the Engineering Library so that the circulating collection will all fit on the 2nd floor
- Reference, standards, new periodicals, new book display, & patent materials to remain on the 1st floor
- Ultimate goal – make space for other functions that align with user needs
 - Study space
 - Group study rooms
 - Computer bays
 - No \$\$\$\$\$



PROCESS

- Obtained load estimate to add shelving on 2nd floor
- Estimated additional amount of shelving that will fit
- Sent announcement to the College of Engineering Faculty and the Chair of the Physics Dept.
- Sent announcement to other UNL Librarians
 - Save anything related to water & soil remediation
 - Save newer operations research, proj. mgmt.
 - Short list to transfer to East Campus library
 - Had to get approval for all transfers inc. LDRF



PROCESS – CREATE LISTS

- Duplicate monographs within the Engineering Library
- Duplicate monographs with other UNL Libraries
- Serials available online
- Monographs
 - Total circulation in the last 20 years
 - Total renewals
 - Title, Year published, call number



PROCESS – Sort Monographs

- Monograph list came in call number order
- Sorted first by total checkout, then by year
 - LC call number order was preserved
 - Multiple issues in publication year
 - C before year – had to have it removed
 - [year] around or on one or the other side – had to be dealt with separately



PROCESS – Criteria for retention

- Duplicates with other libraries – some reference-type books were retained (mostly QA and QC)
- Government documents
- Nebraska author
- Gift book with a plate, signed by author, inscription
- Books in Russian
- Books about patents, TM, IP, inventions
- Books over 100 years old were retained
 - Displays – IEEE 125th and UNL COE 100th



PROCESS – Criteria for retention

- **Anything related to Nebraska**
- **Historical interest, wonderful pictures**
- **Valuable as a reference work**
- **Other criteria – you decide**
- **“Classics,” compared to titles in BCL**
 - **Physics, ME and CBE faculty looked at some books**
 - **Physics chair retained the most**
 - **Had them checked out and delivered**



SERIALS

- **Duplicates with other libraries**
- **Online access availability**
 - Had TS personnel check licenses**
 - Checked if they were on Portico**
 - IEEE**
 - Elsevier**
 - **Discarding print**
 - **Cancelling print**



Monographic Serials

- **Most were not on any of the other lists**
- **Pulled a subset to give to EE faculty**
- **Discarded**
 - **Duplicates with other UNL libraries**
 - **Old yearbooks**
 - **Old Directories**
 - **Useless sets**
 - **One index – Engineering Index**



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QUESTIONS?