**LibraryWise: News and Notes from the Greenwood Reading Center**

Hello, Friends! Have you started your spring cleaning yet? With the advent of some (occasionally) warmer weather, it’s human nature to want to prepare for the season ahead. We at the Greenwood Reading Center have started a ‘spring cleaning’ of our own. Instead of chasing down old cobwebs and washing our woodwork, we are weeding through our books, removing those tomes that seem to have lost their appeal to readers. Some, we discard; others find a temporary reprieve on our new ‘last chance’ book display. If interest is renewed and they are checked out, we will happily return them to the shelf. Otherwise, they will give way to new books coming in and join the others in the Community Day book sale.

Have you ever wondered what our criteria is for what we can keep and what we must discard? After all, with new books coming in and a finite space for storing them, we can’t keep everything that comes our way! Perhaps this information can help with your own weeding process; some insight into which books to donate and which to simply discard? It’s always a heartbreaking task, trying to decide which books to keep and which must be ‘sacrificed’ so that others can come in!

The first step is easy; anything that seems frail, tattered or falling apart must be rejected because it won’t survive circulation anyway. Likewise, we must reject books with yellowing pages. Next, we look at the copyright and layout of the book for ease of reading. Small print and fine spacing make any book difficult to read, and pictures that are clearly from a long-gone era make the information seem questionable, no matter how valuable the information may be! Finally, we look at the availability. If we already own a copy of the same book, we will always choose the better copy. If the book isn’t on our shelf already, how many are in our sister libraries, and how popular are their copies? If there are no other copies, and the book seems appealing, it will probably join our collection. A popular book will join our collection, especially if there are only a few copies in the system, but one with no shelf-appeal isn’t likely to stay.

Upcoming events: The next library board meeting will be held on Monday, April 21 at 6:30pm, here in the library. Join us for the ever-popular Mystery Meal on Thursday, April 24 at noon, in the Community of Christ Church. You don’t have to be a library patron to join us!

FAQs: Our hours are Monday 2:00-7:00pm, Tuesday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm, Wednesday 11:00am to 4:00pm. Homework Helpdesk is on Mondays. We have free internet use via Wi-Fi or public-use computers, fax capabilities and can make copies for a small charge. Yes, you can find us on Facebook! Contact us at (607) 225-4553 or greenwoodreadingcenter@gmail.com.