

Book Sort 2012

Here's the suggested process for removing books from the collection. It ensures that each of us can contribute but also that all removals have earned the house's consent.

Phase One: Nominate for Removal

start: immediately

finish: end of day Sunday, March 18

See a book you want to remove? Wait a second! Please follow these steps . . .

- * Take note of the shelf label that says what category your book belongs to.
- * On the floor nearby, find the box or red target bag that bears the same label.
- * Put the book there, and only there. Repeat as needed.

Most of the boxes are right next to the appropriate shelf. For the shelves near Room 6 - Julia and Marcos's room, there are also some boxes and bags by the opposite wall.

Please do *not* do any of the following -

xxx Take books *out* of the *Nominated for Removal* boxes or bags and re-shelve them.

You can do that during Phase Two.

xxx Also, do not take those books for your own personal collection during this phase.

You *can* put a post-it note on a nominated book that says you'd like the book if we discard it, but first the house gets a chance to decide to keep it in our library (See below).

If you think people might find your choice contentious, feel free to attach a note explaining your reasoning.

Phase Two: Claim Returns

start: beginning of day, Monday, March 19

finish: end of day, Wednesday, March 28

See a book on the shelf you still want to remove? Too late! That was for Phase One.

Do you see a book in one of the *Nominated for Removal* boxes/bags that you think the house should keep in its library? Please do the following . . .

- * Take note of what category the book is in.
- * Find the *Keep* box or bag with the same category label.
- * Put the book in that box.

When you choose books to Keep, please consider -

Is there already another copy of that book on the shelf?

Again, if you think your choice will be controversial, please attach a note explaining your reasoning.

Please do *not*

xxx Return books directly to the shelf

xxx Still don't yet take books for your personal collection. That can happen when Phase Two is done. Feel free to put a note with your name on a book you'd like, though.

Phase Three: Re-Shelve and Donate

start: beginning of day, Thursday, March 29

finish: end of day, Saturday, April 1 (no joke)

We'll re-shelve books that ended up in the Keep piles.

From the *Remove* pile, we all get until Saturday to choose any books we want to keep for ourselves - on condition that they must disappear into our rooms and not find their way back to the house bookshelves.

After Saturday, we'll take all remaining books from the *Remove* piles to donate at the library, St. Vinny's, used book store, art therapy classes, and other places that can use them. Volunteers are welcome!