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Disposing of Weeded Books -- Online Sales

A recent ALA TechSource blog entry, [Fit to Print: What to Do with Printed Books?](#), recommends disposing of used library books via an online used bookseller. My library system has had a relationship with [Better World Books](#) for several months now, and it seems to be working very well. Weeded materials are triaged for condition and type and then those materials that meet certain criteria are boxed and sent to the online seller. While some customers were upset with the elimination of the library's weekly booksale, most now understand the reasons – lower overhead, quicker disposal, etc. – and many have had a whole new world of online used books opened to them. Customers also appreciate the literacy work that Better World Books performs – they have donated over 80,000 books to the [Books for Africa](#) program and are partners with the National Center for Family Literacy and Room to Read.

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