MINIMALISM IS NOT ABOUT HAVING LESS. IT'S ABOUT MAKING ROOM FOR MORE OF WHAT MATTERS.
A Familiar Situation

Overcrowded shelves and an under-populated library
An Obvious Solution: Paradigm Shift
What this Looks Like for Dover Library
Obstacle #1: Mindset
Solution: Rightsizing

WHAT IT MEANS AT OUR LIBRARY

- Bring visibility to current content
- Improve user experience and browsability.
- Repurpose Library space to create a more inviting, student-centered atmosphere.
Obstacle #2: Where to Start
Solution: Multiwave Rightsizing Approach

Multiple Wave

- Easy Decisions.
- Librarian-Based.
- Good “test case” for how workflows will operate.

Rightsizing & Rules Based

- Systems-based approach to aligning content to curriculum.
- Involves community input.
- Identify stable electronic platforms and prioritize electronic holdings for books and journals.
Obstacle #3: Faculty Push Back
Solution: Faculty Involvement
Obstacle #4: Meeting Patrons’ Needs
Solution: Access vs. Ownership

InterLibrary Loan
Obstacle #5: Disposal
Solution: Reselling & Recycling
Room for What Matters...
Key Takeaways - How You Can Minimize

First...
- Adopt the Mindset
- Think Holistically
- Create a Plan

Then...
- Involve Stakeholders
- Prioritize
- Act with Discernment
The Future of Collections Management is... **SMALL**
Questions?

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