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Evaluating Uncataloged Collections Using Sampling: **A case study**

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Agenda

- Background
- Project Objective
- Sample Refinement
- Search Party
- Results
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps





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Background

- Unexpected seismic renovation at Reed College
- Desire to weed Congressional Hearings
- Regional collection held at University of Oregon
- Both collections were mostly uncataloged

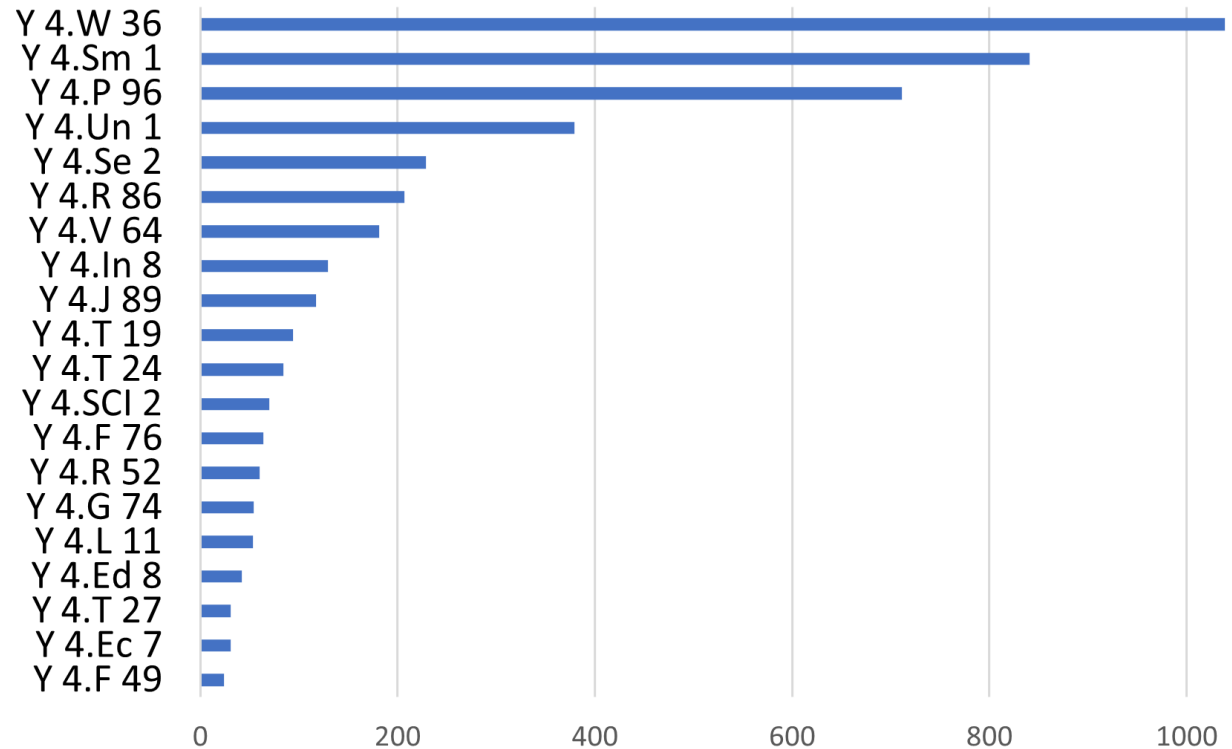




Project Objective

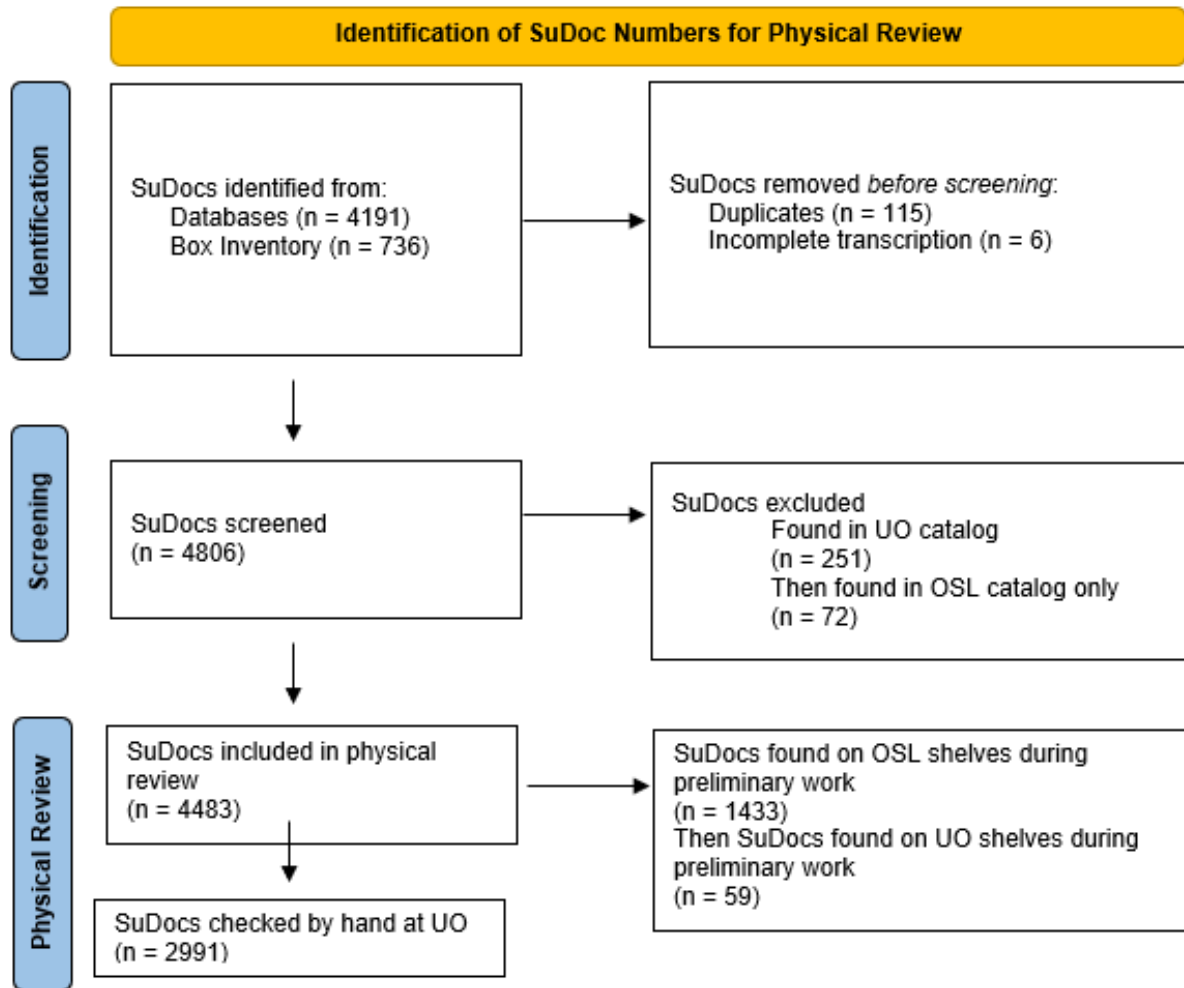
- Create a sample of the Reed collection
- Conduct a “search party” to compare the sample against the University of Oregon collection
- Use the results to inform next steps

Top 20 SuDoc Stems in the Sample





Sample Refinement



Removed:

- Duplicates and incomplete SuDocs
- SuDocs matched between catalogs
- SuDocs found during initial review used to get time estimates



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Search Party

- 3 from the State Library
- 6 from University of Oregon (including 2 student workers)
- 1 from GPO
- 4 hours and 15 minutes total work time





Search Party

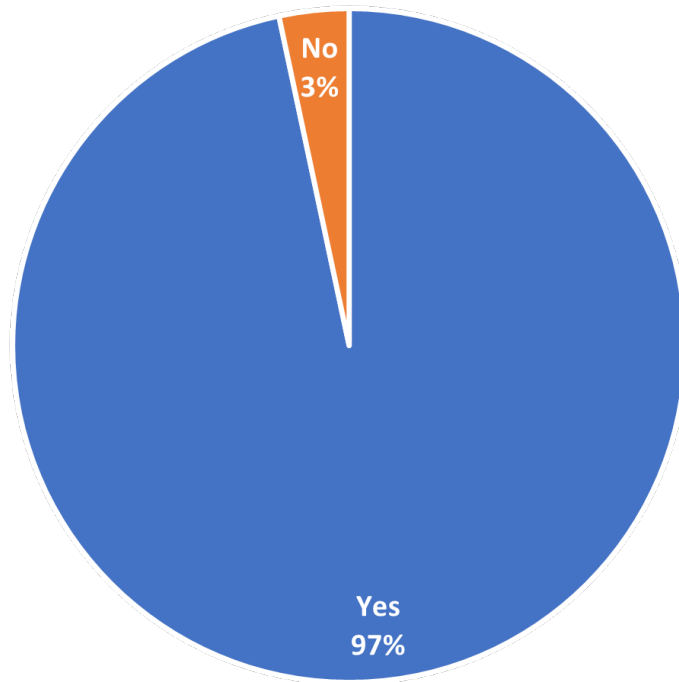
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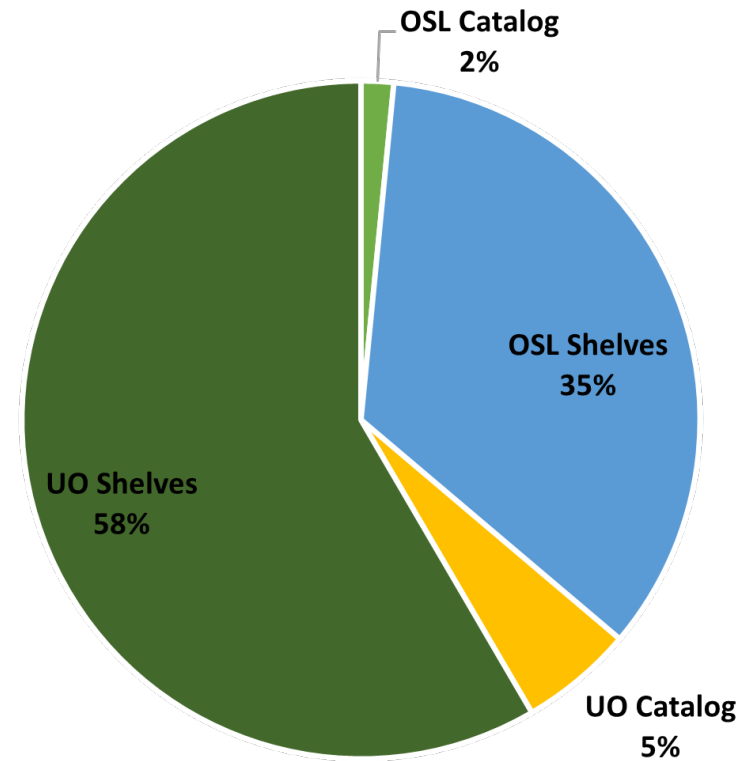
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Reed Sample in the Regional Collection



Where Sample Was Found





Lessons Learned



- Expect issues with the SuDocs
- Work in pairs
- Resist fixing shelving errors
- Plan for range width effecting speed
- Plan for bound-withs
- Think about what may have been moved to the general collection



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Next Steps

- Needs list for Oregon Regional collection
- Upcoming weeding projects with selectives
- Advocacy for staff position to work on retro cataloging at State Library





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