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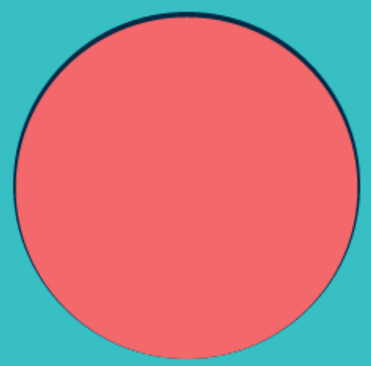
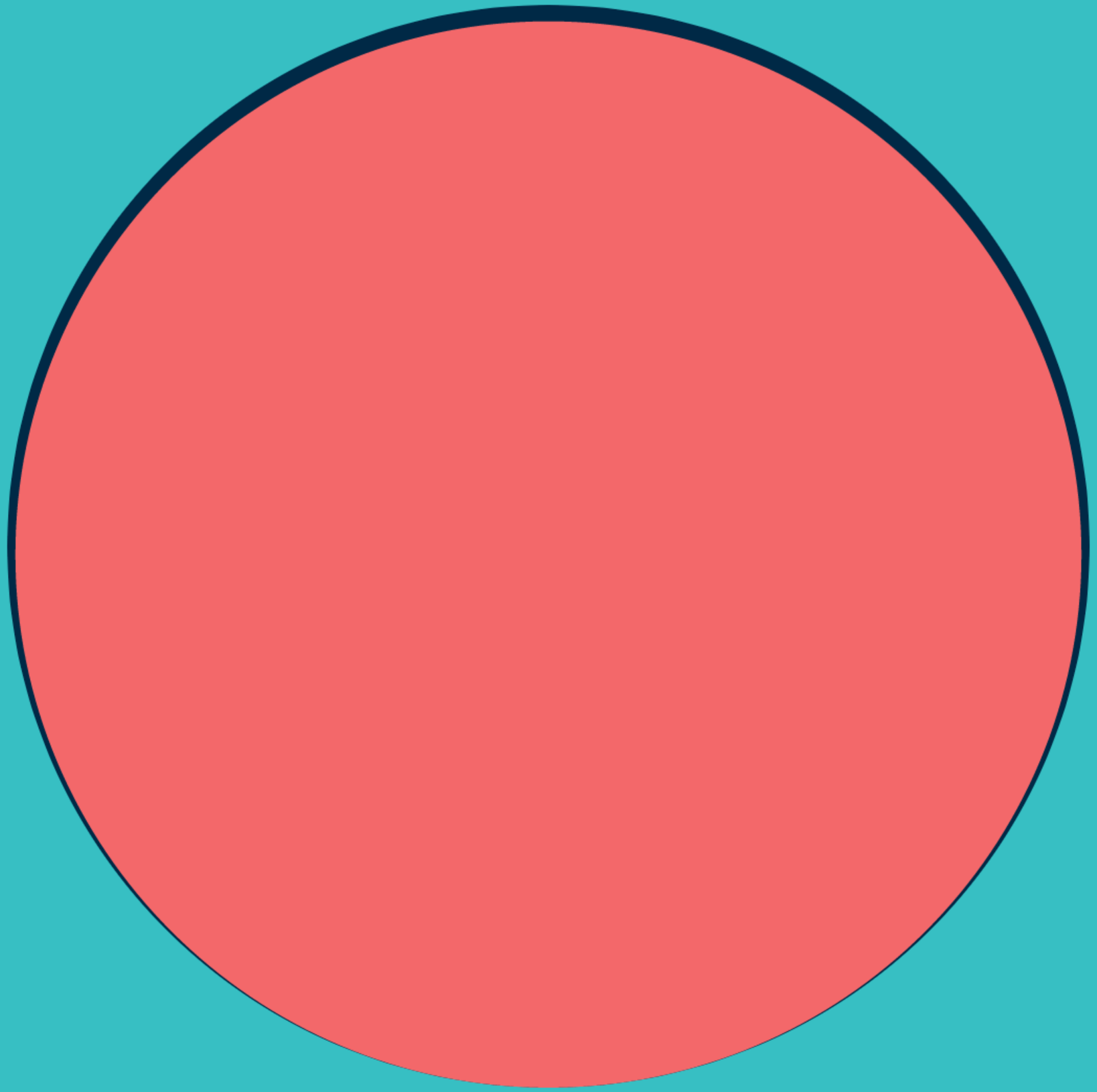
DIGITAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

2002: 60% available online

2009: 97% available online





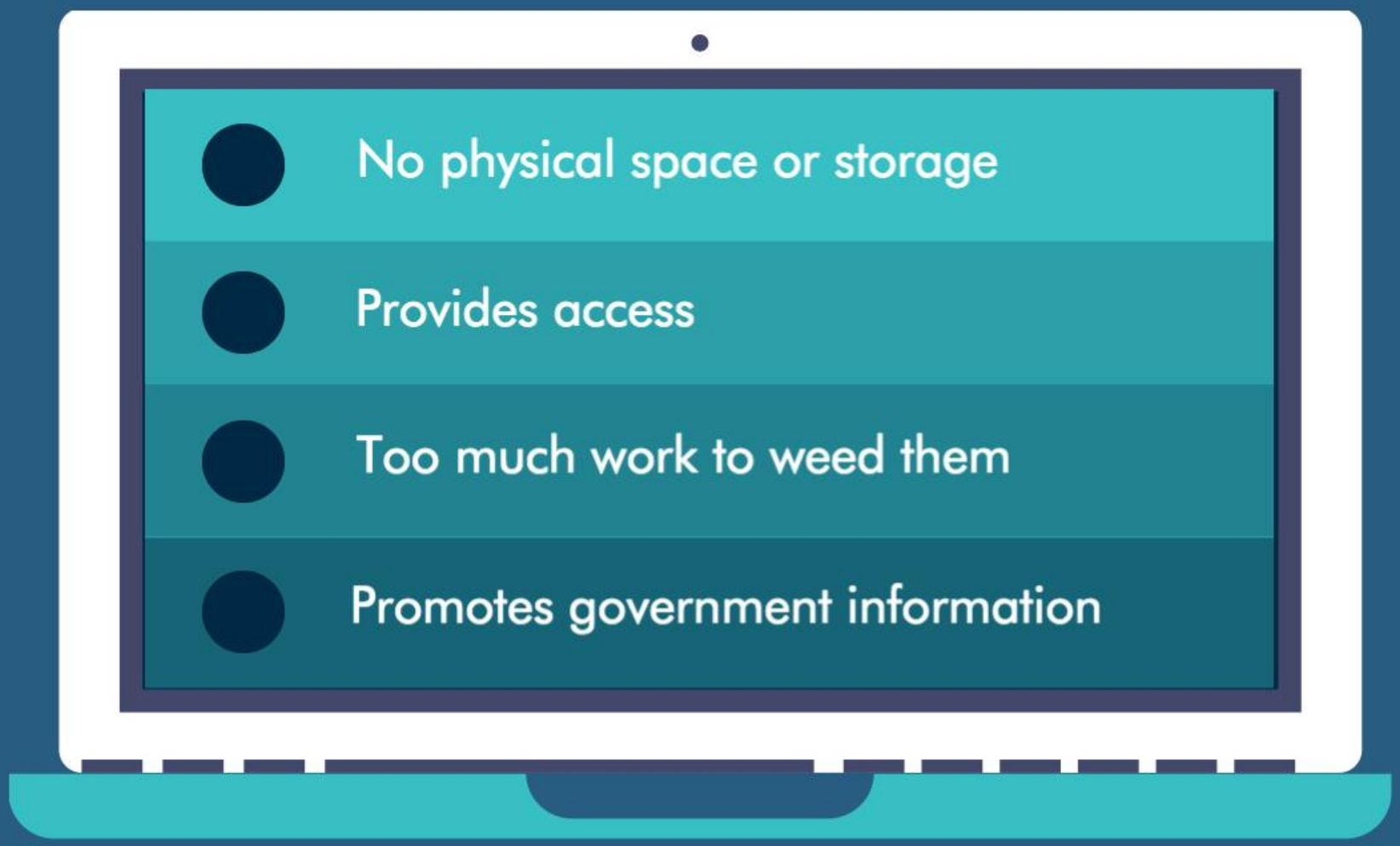
So you might ask ...

SHOULD WE WEED?

Let's consider the pros and cons...

YES

Obviously! If you weed print documents, you should weed digital documents. It's just how libraries work.



NO

Digital documents are not the same as print documents! Weeding risks removing access to important resources.

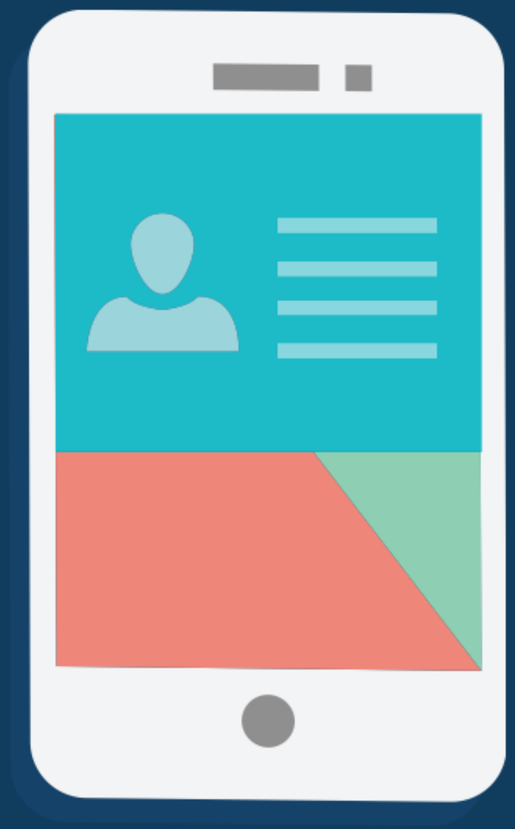

CONTEXT

MY PHILOSOPHY

regular weeding = better collection

OUR COLLECTION

Focused on current curriculum.
All documents are in the ASRS.
Catalog and discovery system.
Marcive Documents Without Shelves.
Heavily weeded in the past 10 years.



ONE MORE THING

All electronic documents have the location code WWG.

HOW BIG A PROJECT IS IT?

pre-2008:	7,937
2009:	11,955

TIP It's going to be worse than you could have ever imagined.

pre-2008:	7,937
2009:	8,908
2010:	6,060
2011:	4,481
2012:	3,303
2013:	7,500
2014:	6
2015:	9,689
2016:	6,118

TIP Modify to include only new records (exclude updates) and it's slightly less terrifying. But only slightly.

TOTAL:

54,004

TIP Do not download this spreadsheet. It will just make you cry.

Also?
No way to batch delete records.

TIP You don't have any other work to do, right?

What did you decide?

NOPE!

Not currently planning a migration.

No pressure from administration.

Workload issues.

IF YOU WANT TO...

The following process is based on the way we weed from our ASRS. It is labor intensive and not particularly pretty.

Viewer discretion is advised.

STEP 1

Pull records by date added to the system.

STEP 2

Review spreadsheet item by item.

STEP 3

Send to KARMS.

STEP 4

Remove each record individually.

I can only do this because my library has the best staff and students ever.

TIP Don't try to fight me on this.

CONCLUSION

We will have to do this eventually. But for now, it's not a good use of resources.

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