

**The requested title:** *7 days. Thailand*

**Reason for removal:** "Poor production quality/dated material/village of 'long neck' women isn't ethical or accurate (noted in last 10 minutes of video)."

**Recommendation from Steering Chair:**

Based on both *Collection Maintenance and Weeding* from the ALA Website and the CREW method of weeding (see below), materials that are inaccurate and/or not current should be considered for removal from a library collection.

The video titled *Thailand 7 days* is both dated and inaccurate. Starting at 46:00 the video declares (regarding women who wear neck rings) that: "The bones have become deformed and the muscles around the neck have disappeared. The women are unable to move their necks. Without the supporting rings, they would break their neck." As detailed in the article linked below, this declaration is untrue. Removal of said neck rings does not cause them to break their necks.

Based on the video being inaccurate and outdated, I would recommend to the committee that it be considered for removal from the WPLC Collection.

<http://factsanddetails.com/asian/cat66/sub417/entry-2761.html>

**Collection Maintenance and Weeding** *Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit for Public, School, & Academic Libraries*

Regardless of the type of institution, collection maintenance and weeding are important components of a library's collection management system and are often related to the goals and mission of the organization. **Regardless of format, an optimal library collection is one that is reviewed on a consistent basis for accuracy, currency, usage, diversity, and subject area gaps.** When evaluating print or another tangible medium, collection maintenance usually involves the continual care of the materials, including accurate and efficient shelving (and re-shelving), shelf-reading, shifting, and cleaning. With digital materials, collection maintenance includes consideration of continued sufficient coverage of databases or other electronic reference sources, checking for dead or broken links and evaluating these links for accuracy, currency, and relevancy.

Weeding or the deselection of material is critical to collection maintenance and involves the removal of resources from the collection. **All materials are considered for weeding based on accuracy, currency, and relevancy.** Space limitations, edition, format, physical condition, and number of copies are considered when evaluating physical materials. While weeding is essential to the collection development process, it should not be used as a deselection tool for controversial materials (see the Library Bill of Rights). Note: Step-by-step guidelines on weeding and removal procedures are not typically found in a policy but in a procedural manual. There are many weeding resources available online to provide guidance to library staff.

**Criteria for Weeding.** The CREW method gives six general criteria for considering weeding an item from the library's collection. These have been summed up with the acronym MUSTIE

**M= Misleading--factually inaccurate**

U= Ugly--worn beyond mending or rebinding

S= Superseded--by a new edition of by a much better book on the subject

T= Trivial--of no discernible literary or scientific merit

I= Irrelevant to the needs and interests of the library's community

E= Elsewhere--the material is easily obtainable from another library