

Guidelines for Selecting Materials for Mass Deacidification Projects

Physical Criteria:

- Acidic but not brittle
- Paper is not coated or highly calendared
- Strength in gutter margin
- Binding and text block are in tact; strong cover-to-text block attachment
- Does not contain illustrations or plates that are true photographic prints
- Not larger than 23” tall X 13” wide X 5” deep

Intellectual Criteria:

- Newly published titles from countries known to produce acidic paper are a high priority
- Unique materials, or materials for which the original format is otherwise significant are a high priority
- Titles that have been, or are scheduled to be reformatted are a low priority
- Collections sent to LSF are a low priority
- Duplicate copies are not deacidified – only the best copy