



Implementing RFID Without Turning Your Library Upside Down

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Implementing RFID

- Tagging your collection takes time
- Options: DIY or outsource
- Minimizing the disruption



Poll:

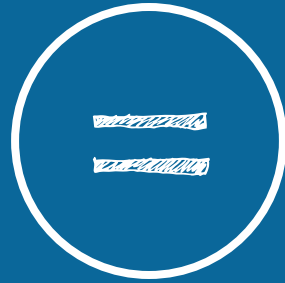
Where are you in planning for
or implementing RFID?

A woman with dark hair and visible tattoos on her arms is smiling as she organizes books on a library shelf. She is wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt with a pattern and a necklace. The background shows rows of books on shelves.

Staff Time

“...libraries have adopted one minute per item as a ‘rule of thumb’.”

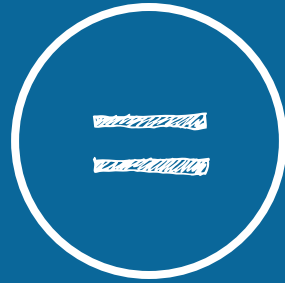
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Total Items to Be Tagged

Crew Size x Hours per Week x Items per Hour

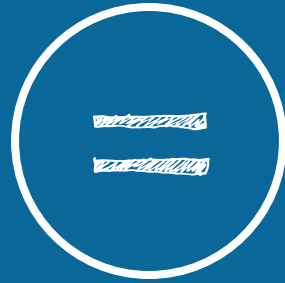
= Weeks to Tag the Collection



40,000 items

2 people x 40 hours/week x 60 items/hour

= 8.33 weeks



40,000 items

6 people x 40 hours/week x 60 items/hour

= 2.77 weeks

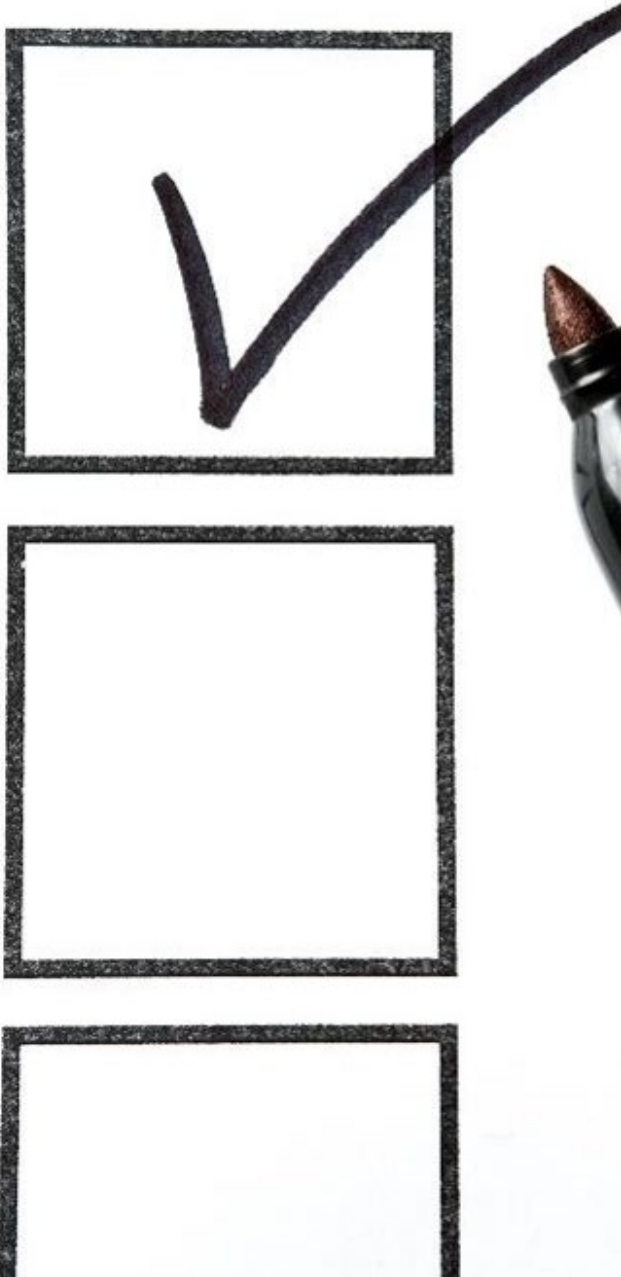


Project Manager

- Train and supervise staff
- Track production and goals
- Monitor quality control
- Communicate with stakeholders across the library



Circulating Materials & Floating Collections



1. The Whiteboard Method



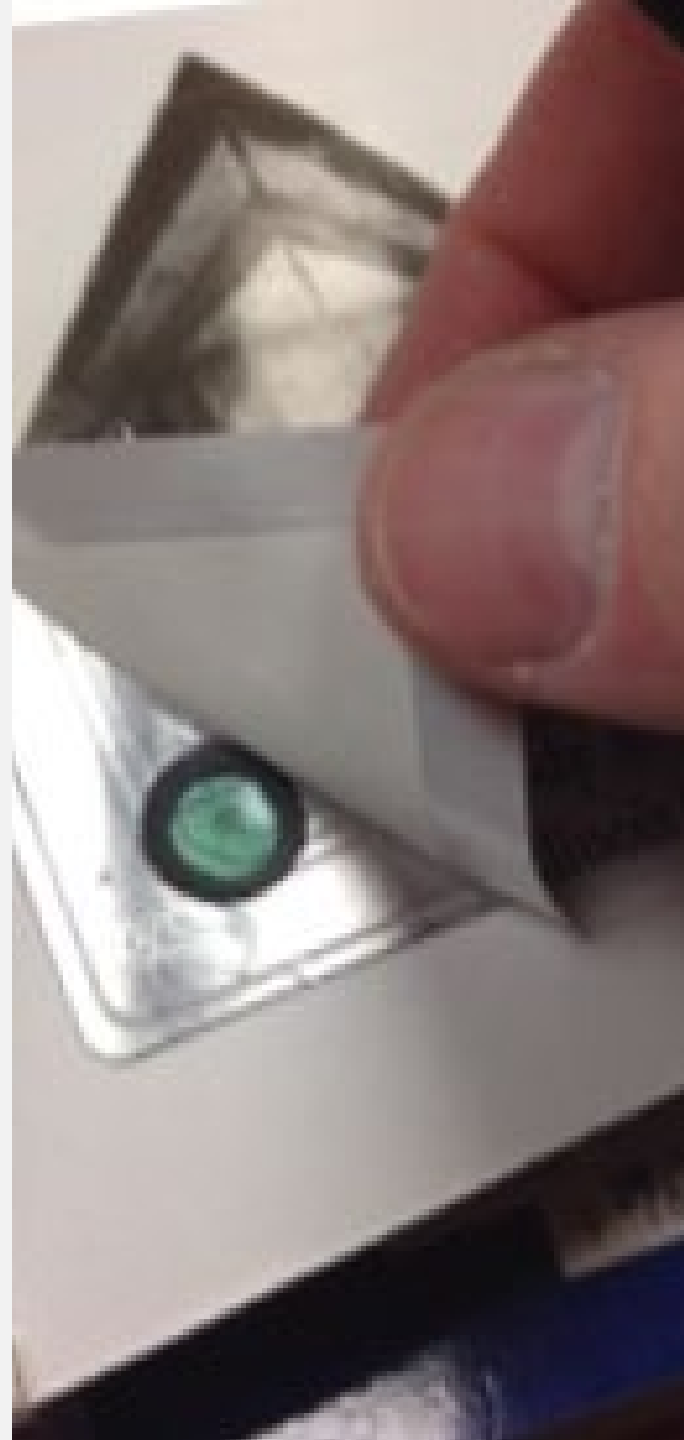
2. The Tag-Them-All Method



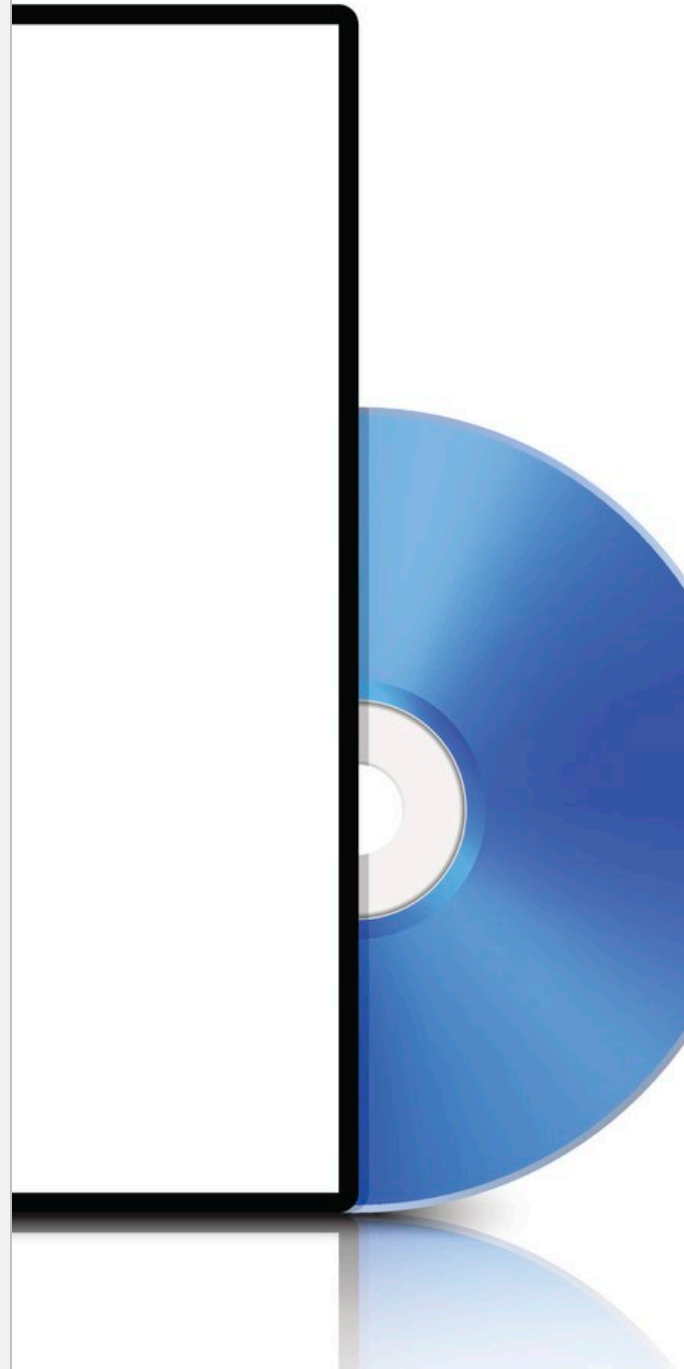
Questions?



Potential Delays



Legacy Tags



A/V Cases



Atypical Library Items



To Close or Not to Close?



Scenario 1: Stay Open



Scenario 2: Close Sections as They're Being Tagged



Scenario 3:
Close the Library
or Stacks Completely



Hiring a Vendor



“The main advantage of using an external agency is usually seen as being the ability to specify a fixed completion date, avoiding all the concerns of managing what is essentially a very mechanical process, and so being able to concentrate on the more demanding elements of the project.”

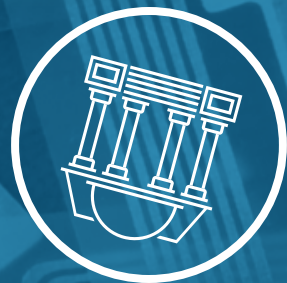
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