



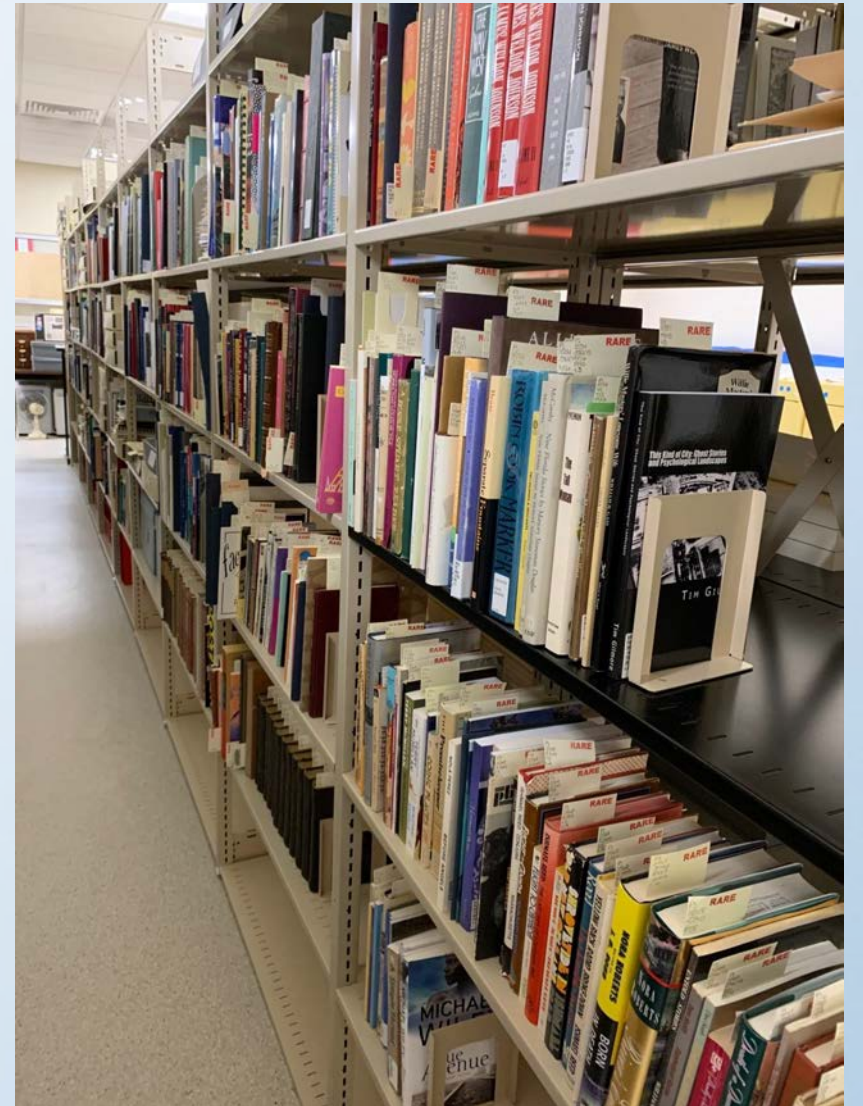
# Sparking Joy in the University of North Florida Rare Books Collection

A Case Study in Reappraisal and  
Deaccessioning

# Bins, Boxes and Backlog



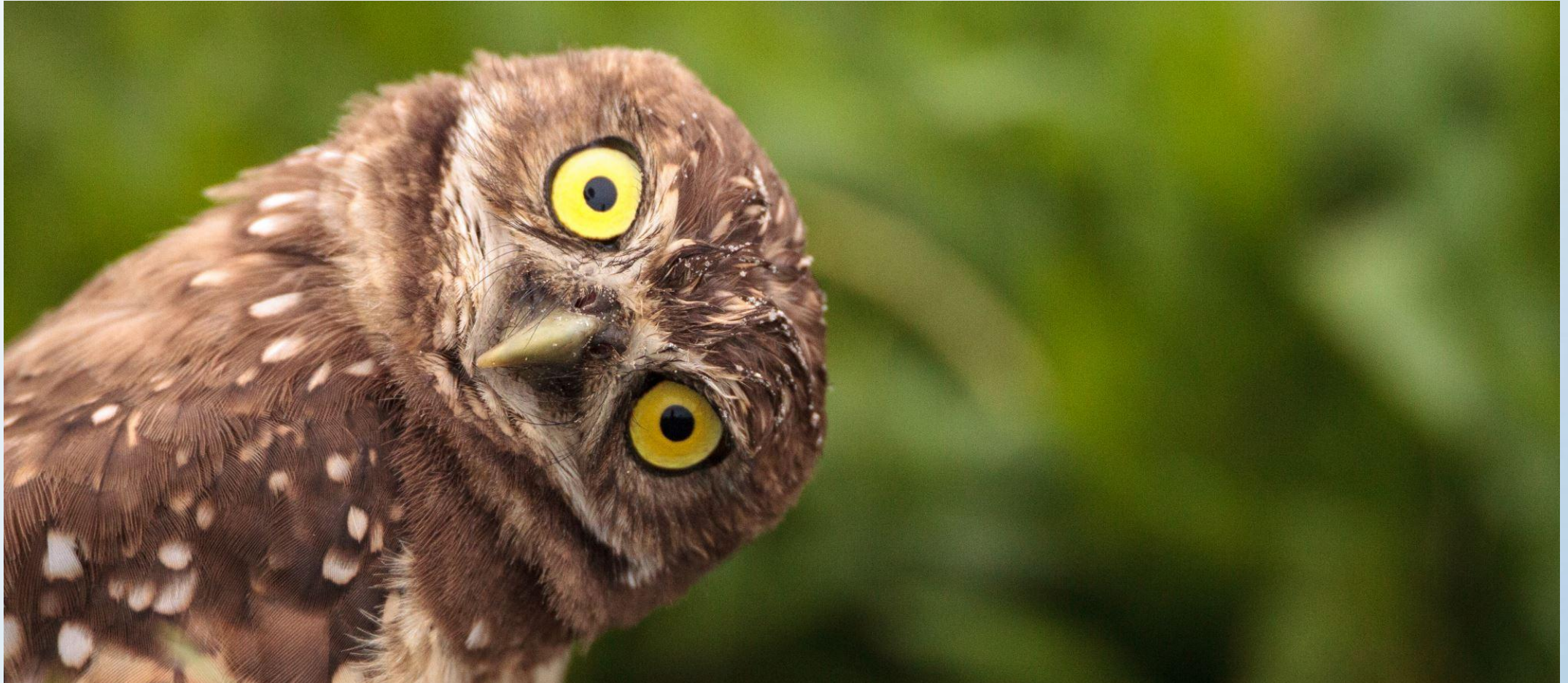
# Books, books, and more books

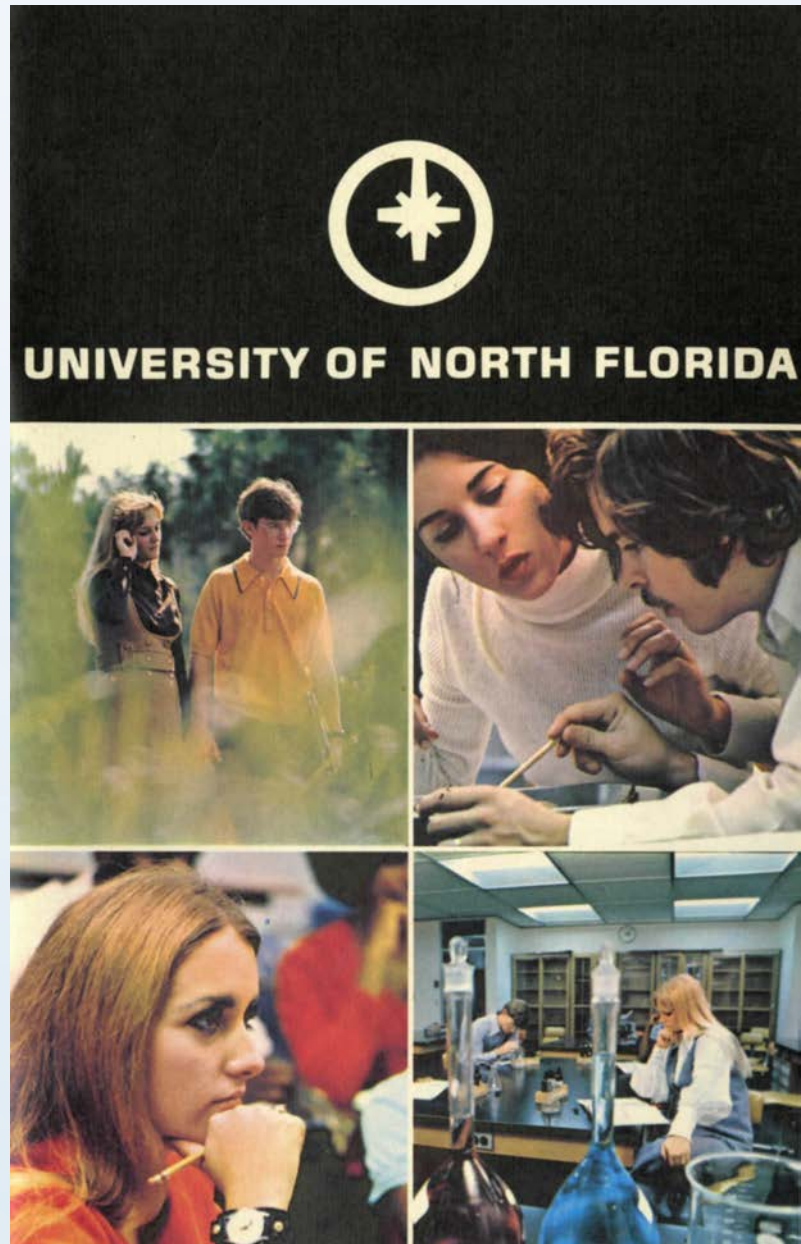


# UNF Land Acknowledgement



How did we get ourselves into this?





# 1972 Curriculum

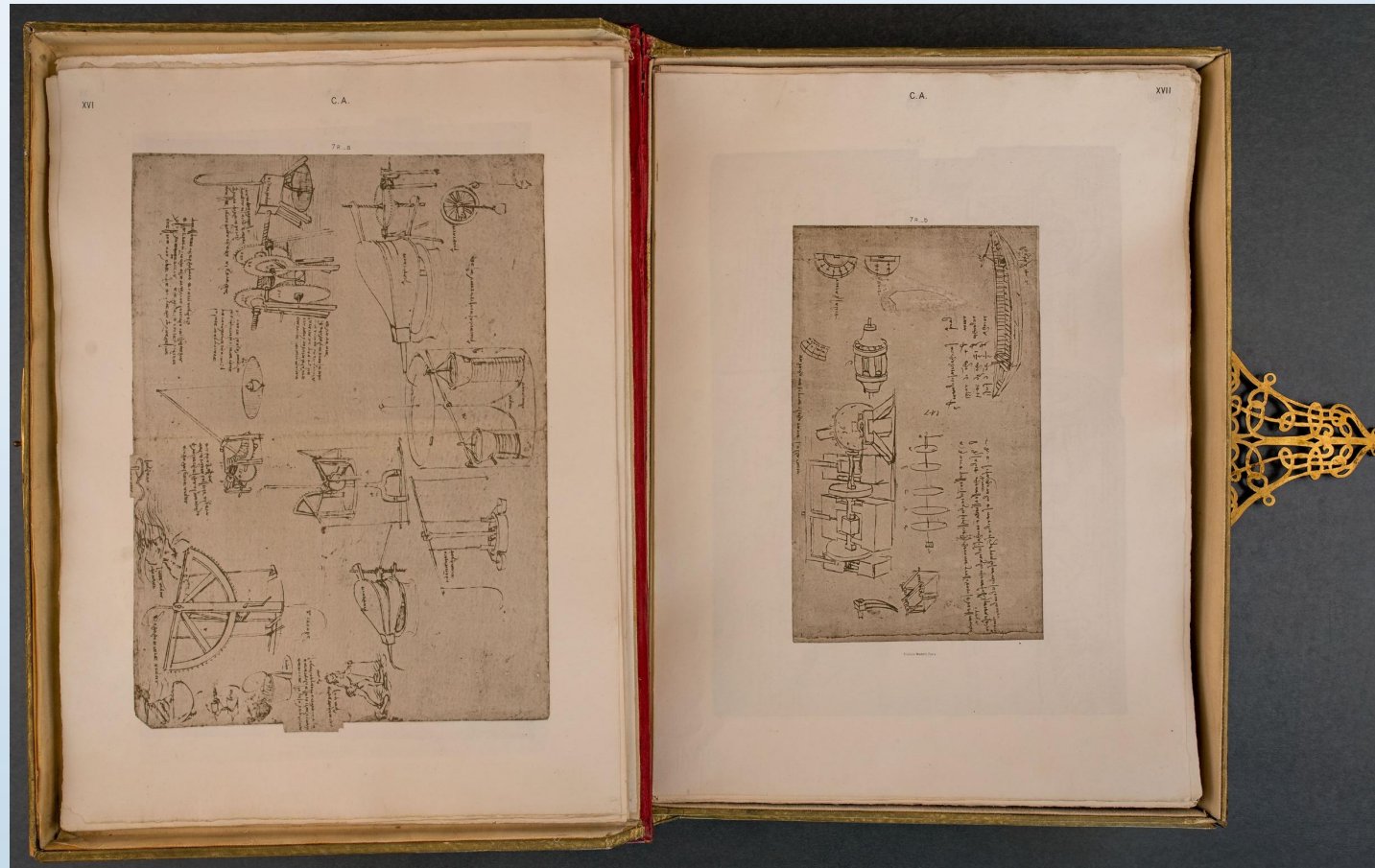
- Major courses of study
- Contextual studies (minor)
- “Venture” studies

# Venture Studies Program

- Non-major courses
- Options from all 3 colleges
- Inspired by da Vinci



# Developing a Rare Book Collection in the Library





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- Local northeast Florida content, UNF faculty monographs, UNF student theses and dissertations

# Interim



- No room to grow
- Not supporting research
- Cost of maintenance

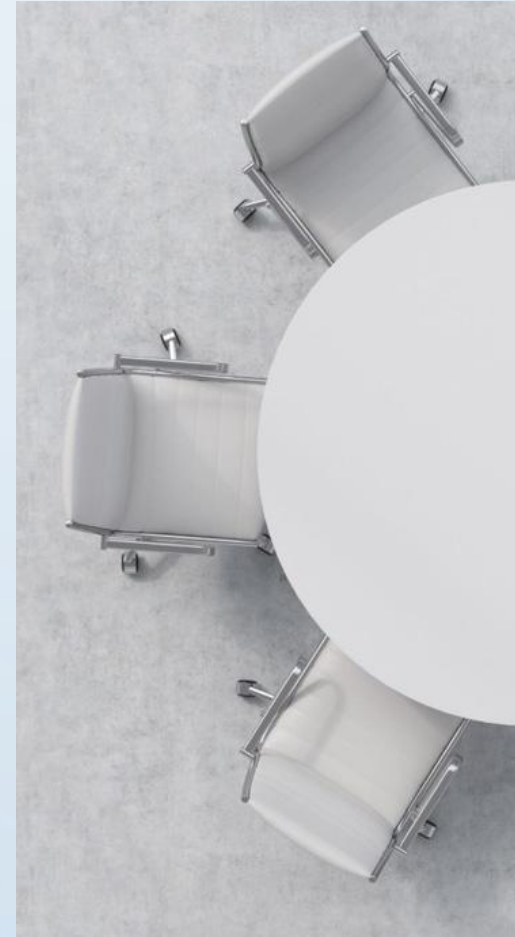
# Rare Books Advisory Committee

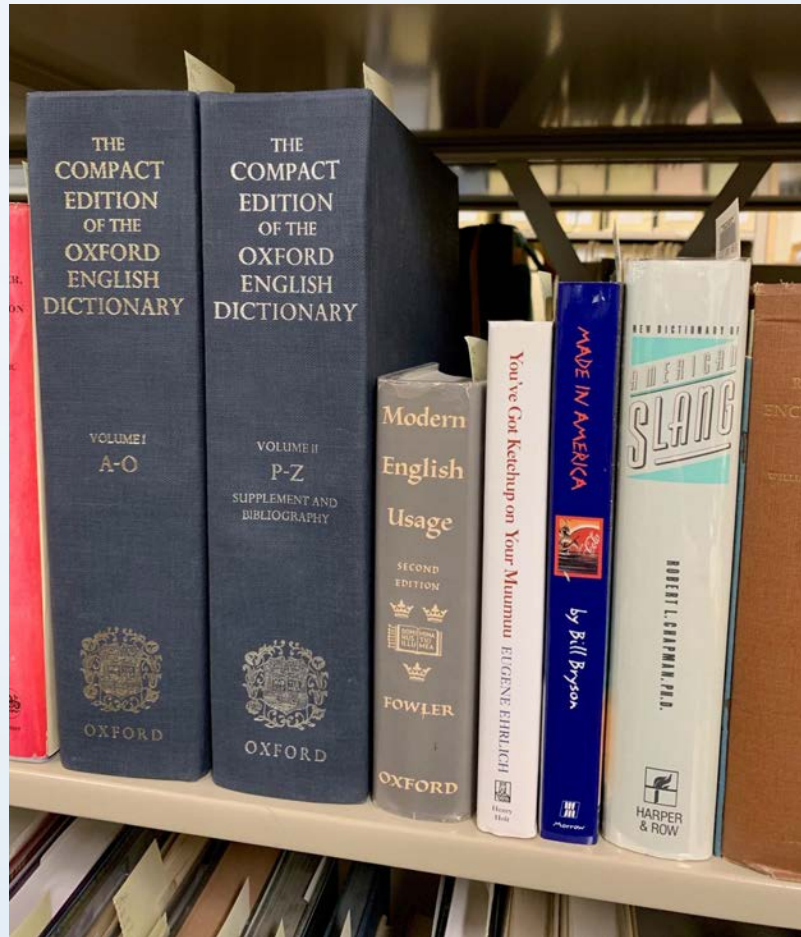
## Chair:

- Head of Special Collections and University Archives

## Members:

- Director of Public Services
- Head of Acquisitions
- Head of Discovery Enhancement
- Resource Description Librarian
- Library Services Specialist/Cataloging

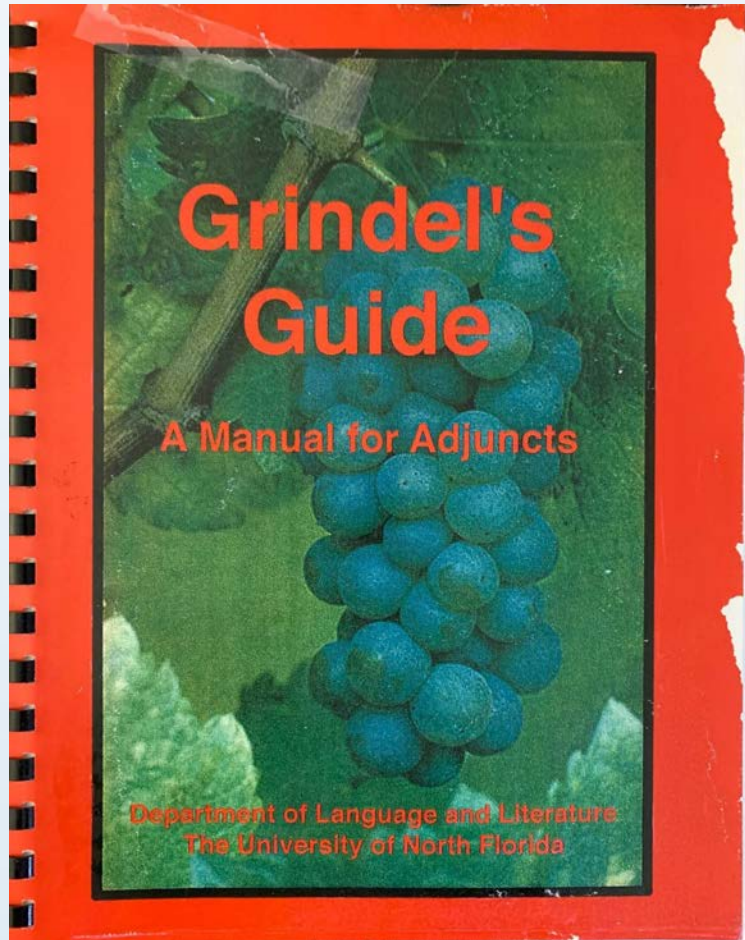




## Not-so-Rare Books



# Categories to Reappraise



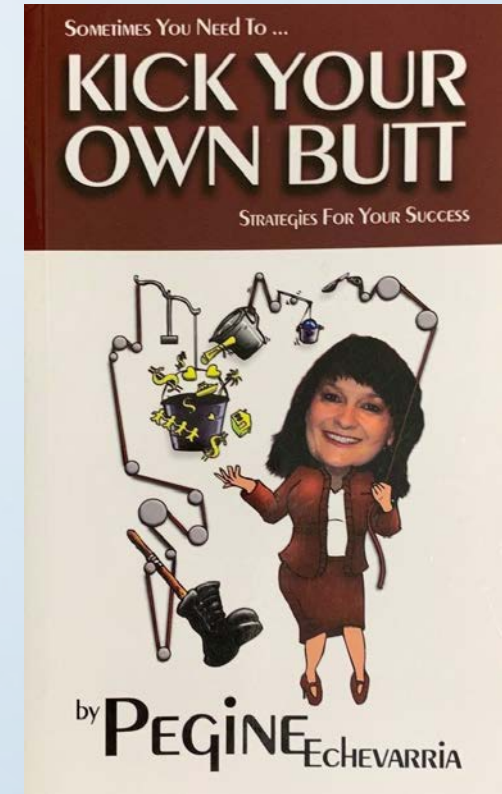
## Faculty Publications:

- Topics not related to UNF, Jacksonville, or Florida
- Publications by faculty from other universities, not about UNF, Jacksonville, or Florida
- Theses/dissertations by non-UNF students
- University Archives items

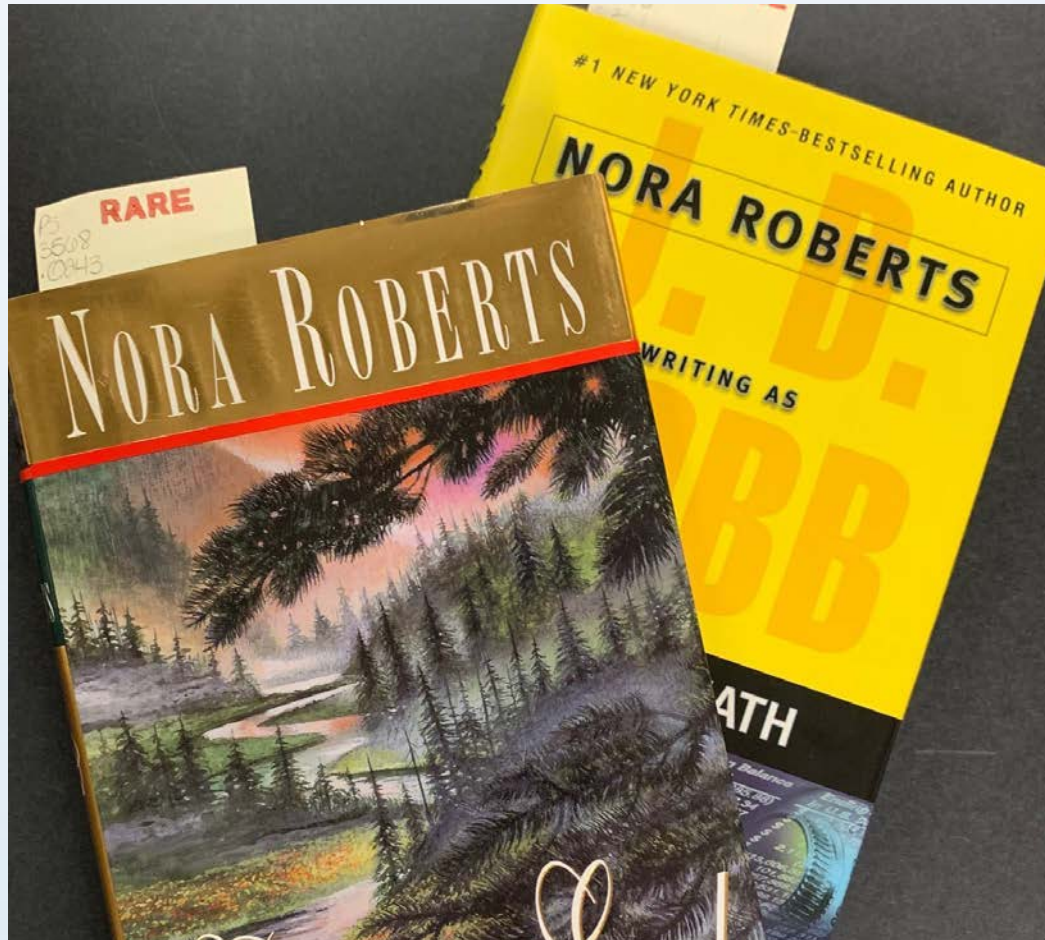
# Categories to Reappraise

## Local Author Non-fiction:

- Self-published personal memoirs
- Autobiographies
- Books by local authors
- Self-published books about Florida
- Donated nonfiction signed by author



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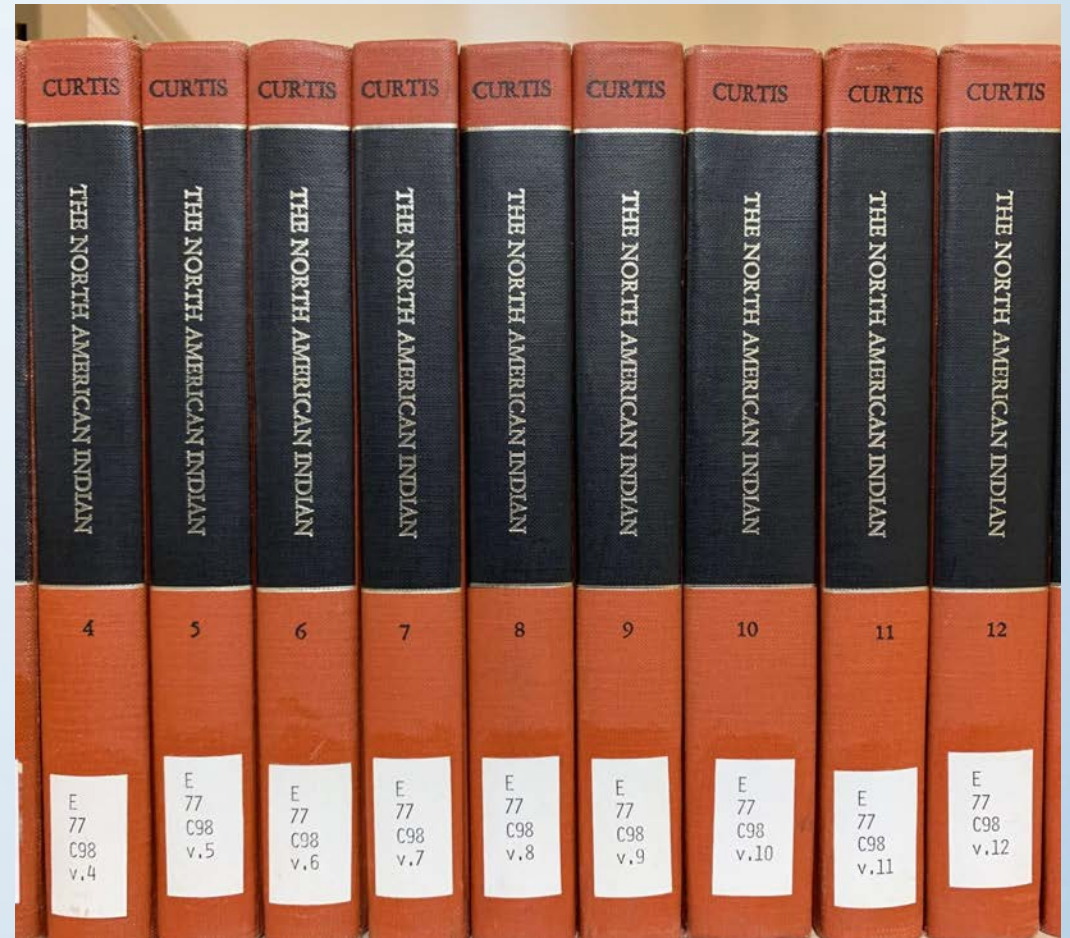
## Poetry & Fiction:

- Autographed/inscribed books, not about Jacksonville
- Self-published books by local authors

# Categories to Reappraise

## Older, historic books:

- Books published in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, or early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries that may not be rare and are not about Florida



# Sparking Joy



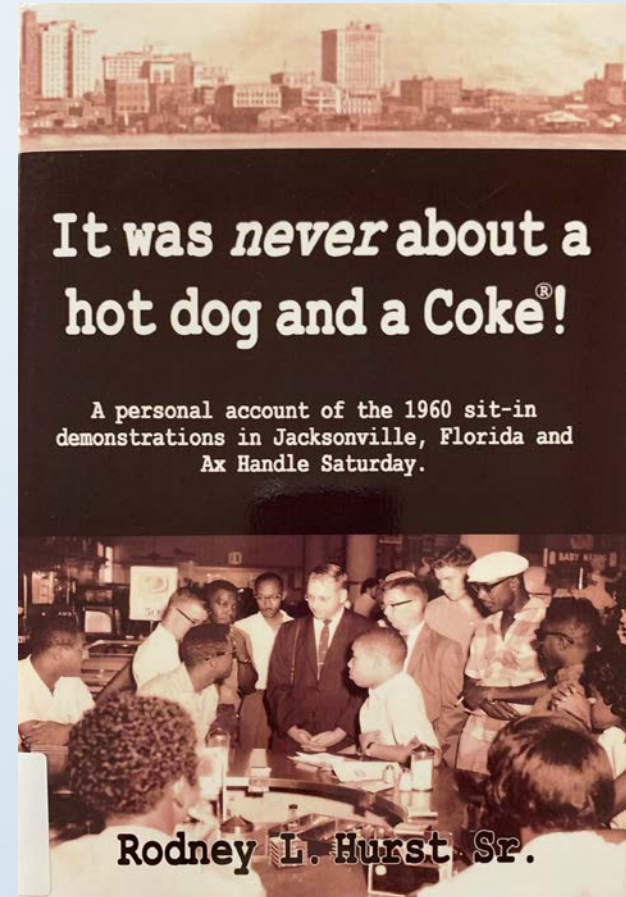
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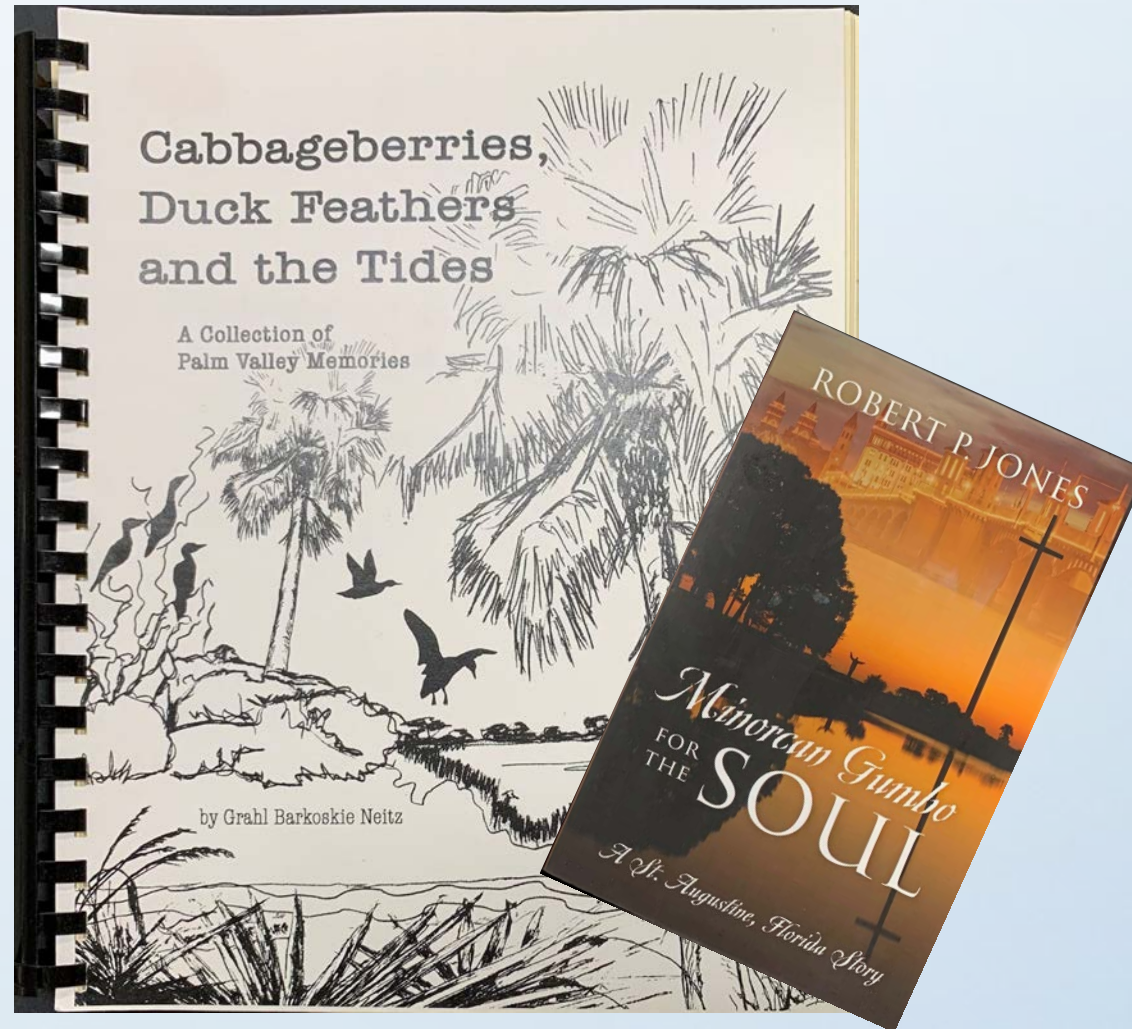
- Transfer to general/circulating collection
- Deaccession duplicates

# Reappraisal of Local Author Non-fiction

- Focused on NE Florida/SE Georgia region.
- Books with significant Jacksonville context and content.
- Books supporting a Special Collection at UNF.



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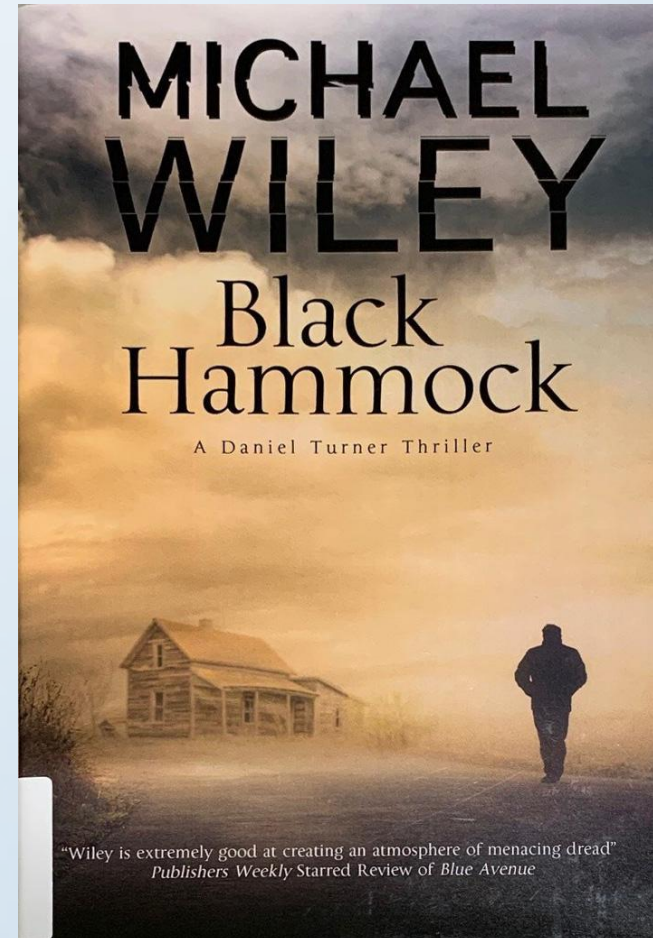




# Reappraisal of Poetry & Fiction

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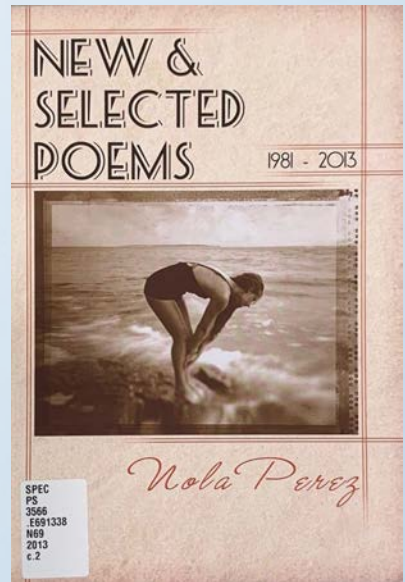
- The author was from Jacksonville, -or-
- The author lives in Jacksonville, -or-
- The book was about Jacksonville.



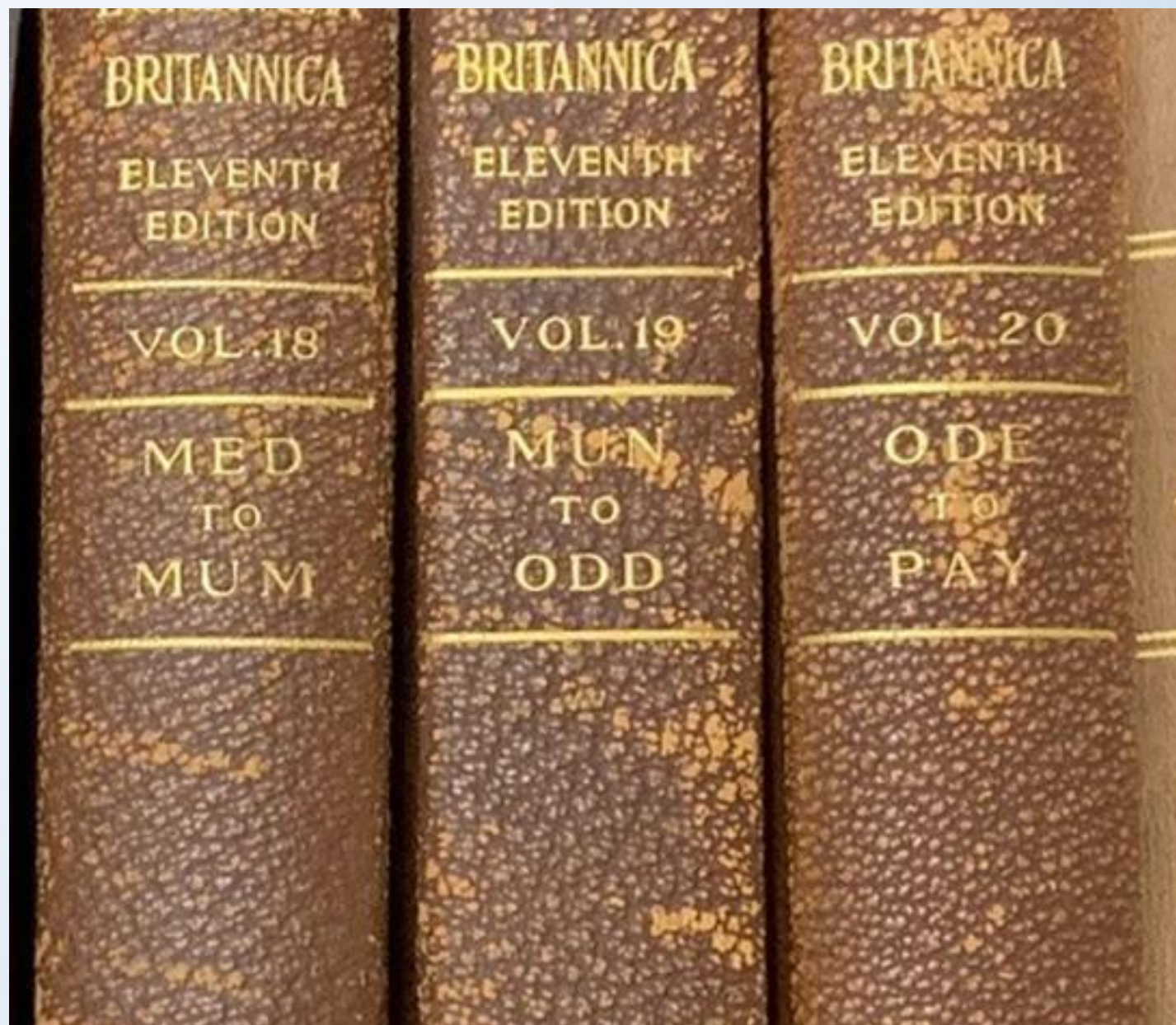
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Revised collection criteria for the Northeast Florida Literary Heritage Collection included:

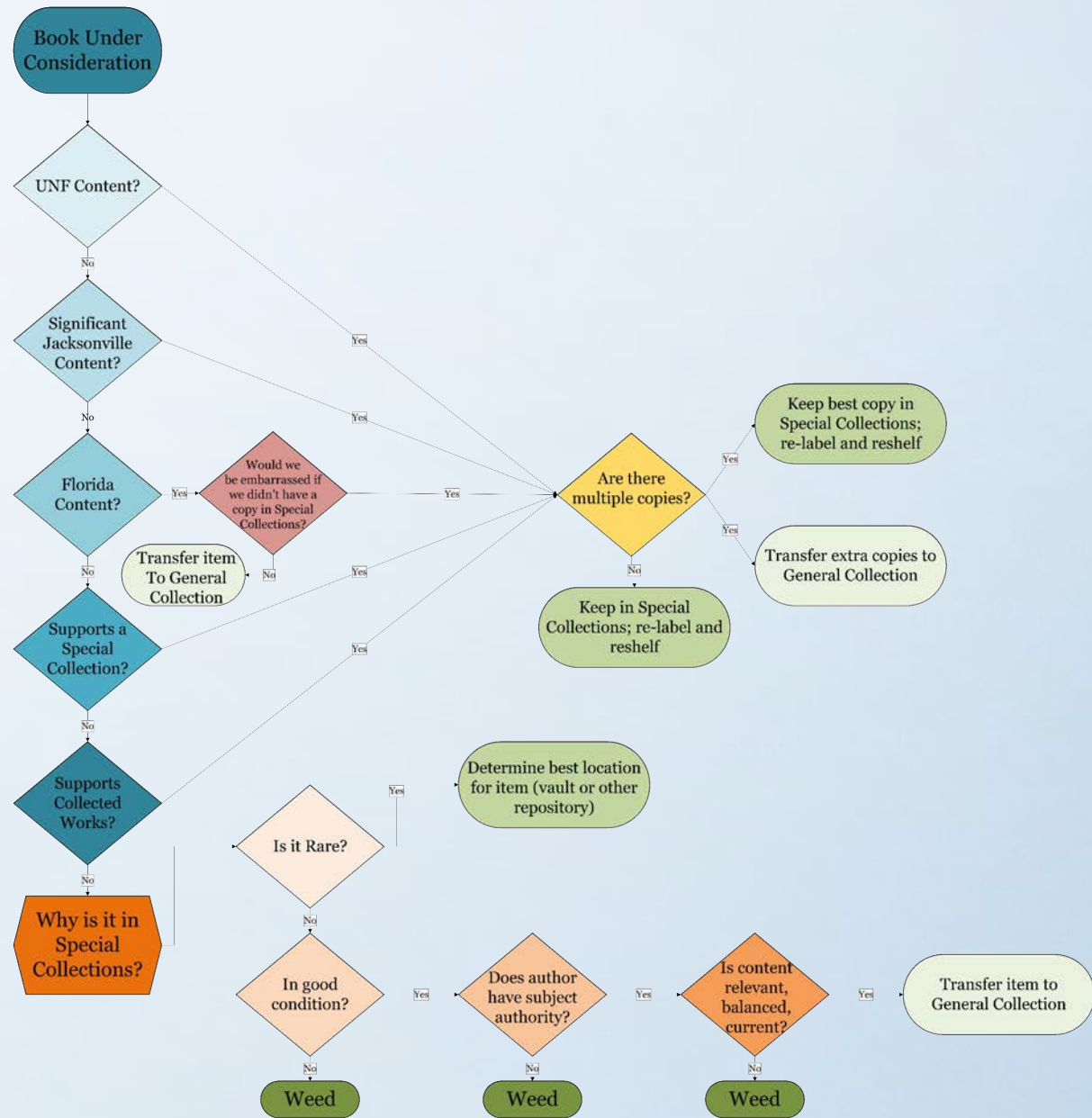
- Not self-published
- Reviewed books are preferred
- Takes place in NE Florida
- Supports a UNF Special Collection
- Supports UNF English Department curriculum - regarding local subject matter



# Reappraising older books



# Disposition



# Retrospection



“... choosing what we want to keep ...”



# Questions?

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