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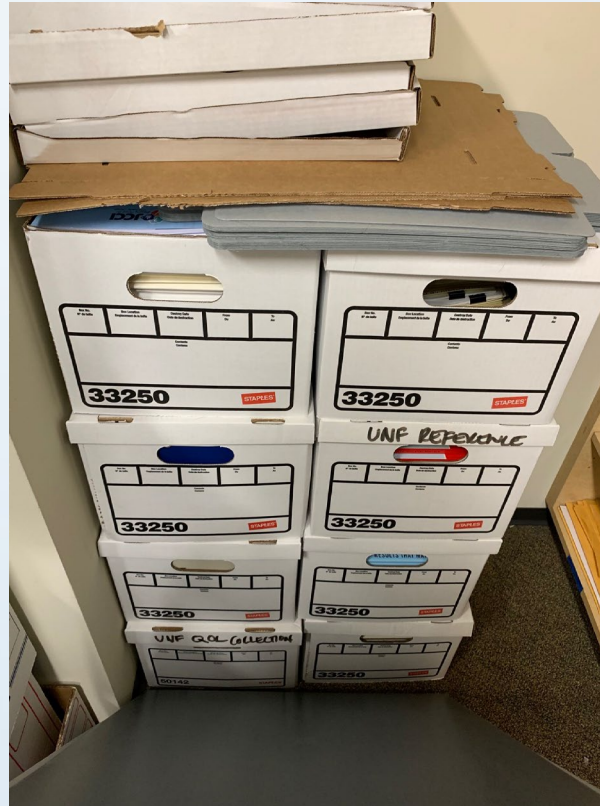


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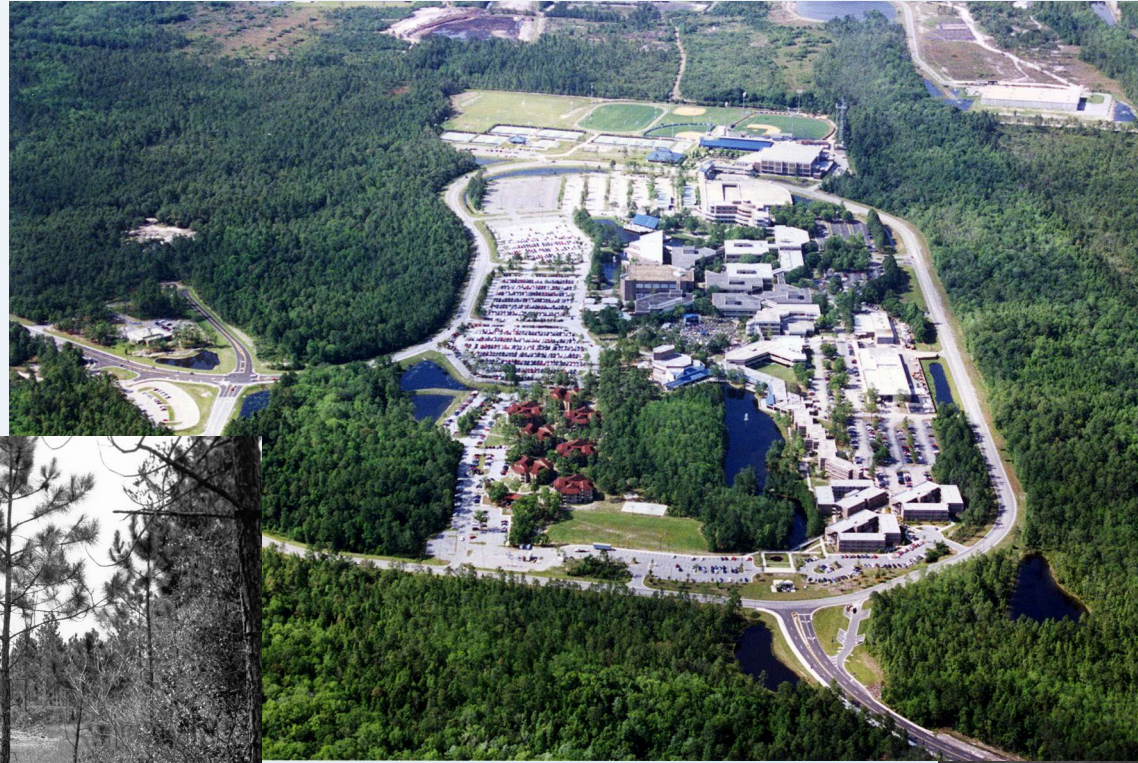
Bins, Boxes and Backlog



Books, books, and more books

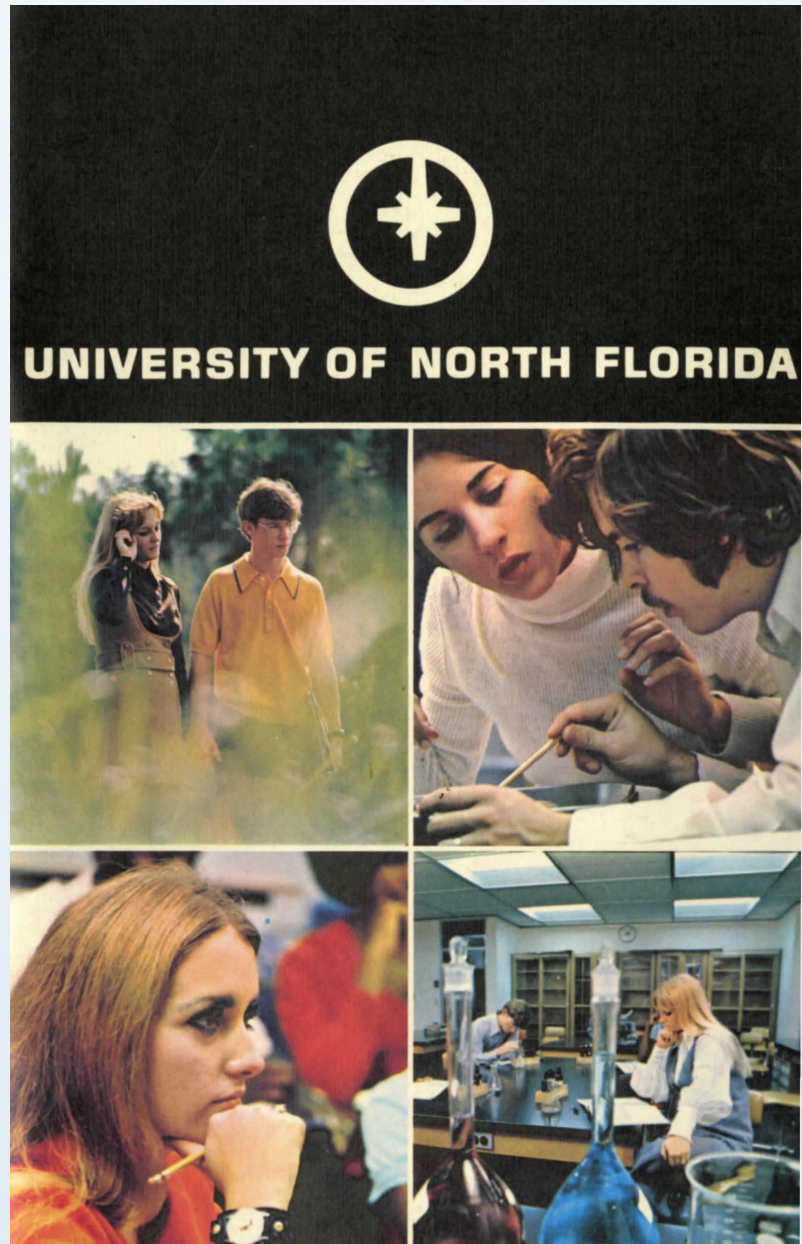


UNF Land Acknowledgement



How did we get ourselves into this?





1972 Curriculum

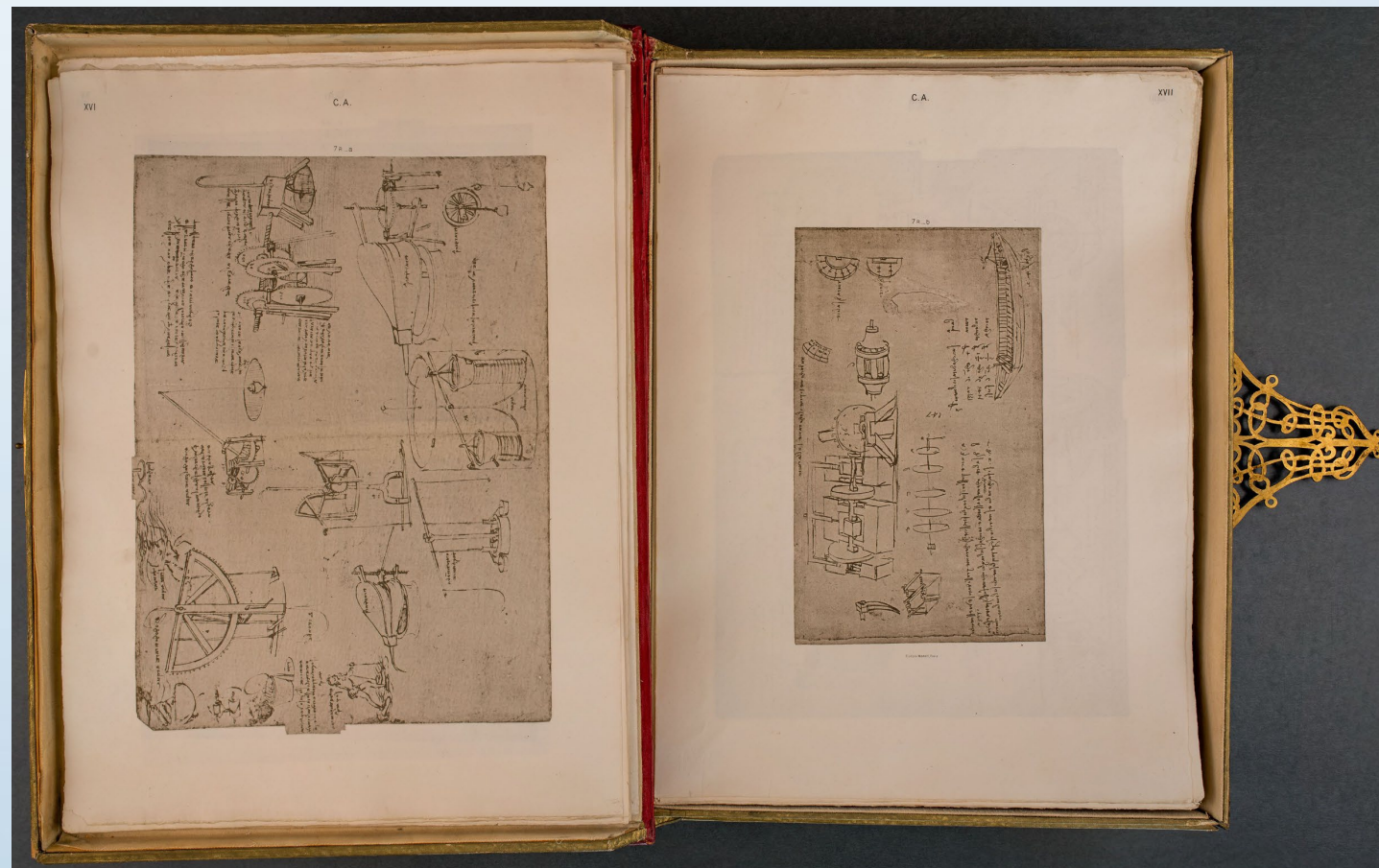
- Major courses of study
- Contextual studies (minor)
- “Venture” studies

Venture Studies Program

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



Developing a Rare Book Collection in the Library





- Older Imprints



- Older Imprints
- Limited editions valued over \$300/volume



- Older Imprints
- Limited editions valued over \$300/volume
- Signed volumes



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- Selected private press books



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- Selected private press books
- Local northeast Florida content, UNF faculty monographs, UNF student theses and dissertations

Interim



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



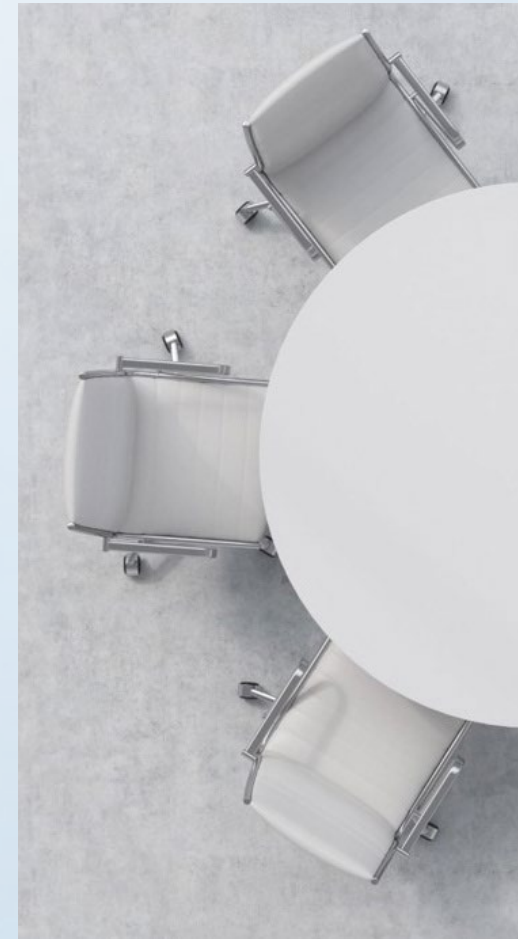
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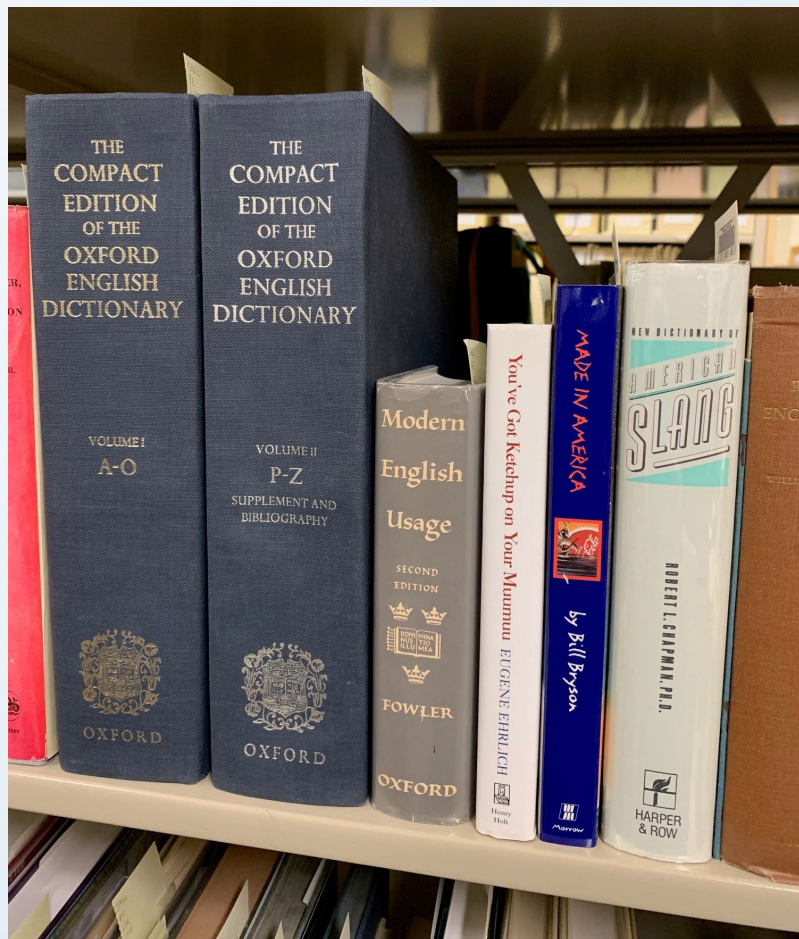
Chair:

- Head of Special Collections and University Archives

Members:

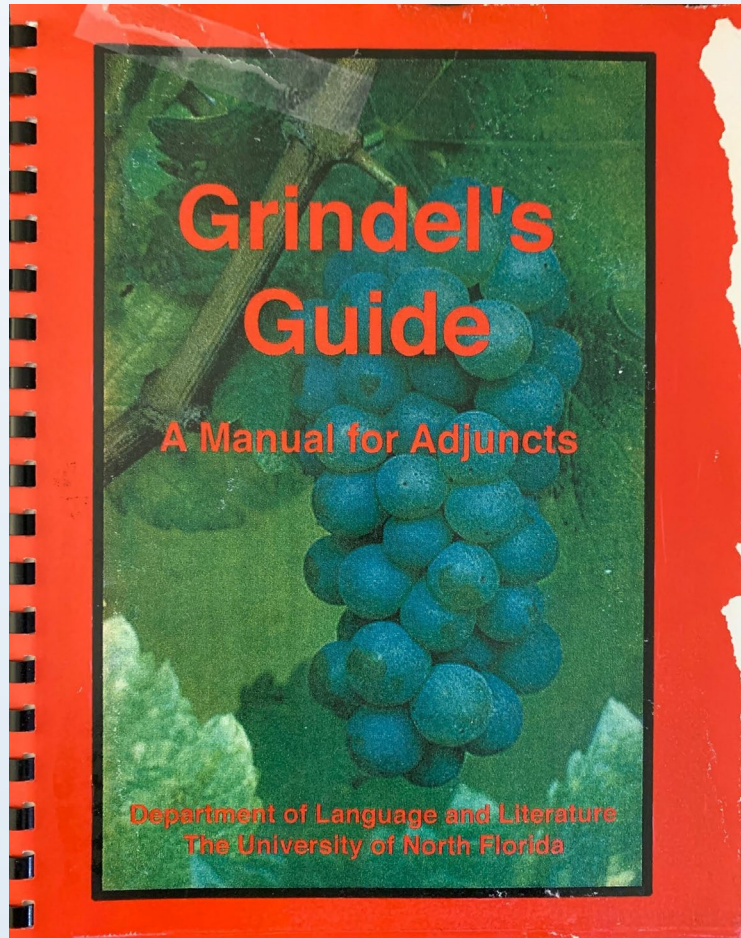
- Director of Public Services
- Head of Acquisitions
- Head of Discovery Enhancement
- Resource Description Librarian
- Library Services Specialist/Cataloging





Not-so-Rare Books

Categories to Reappraise



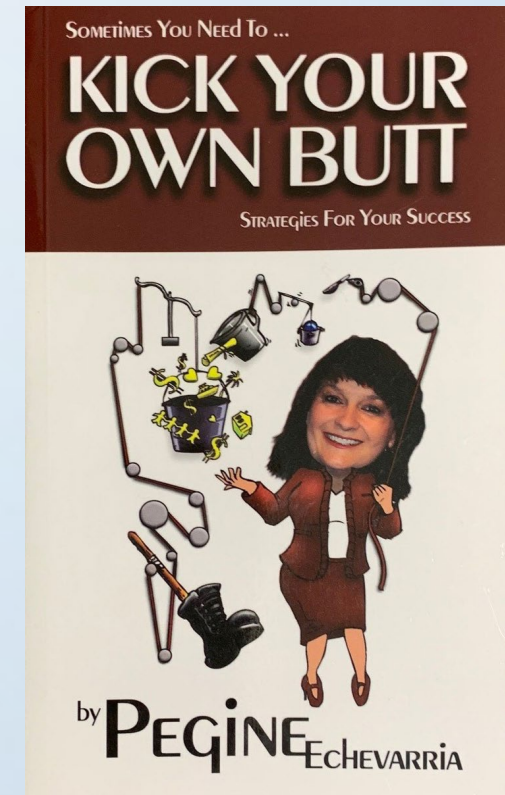
Faculty Publications:

- 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

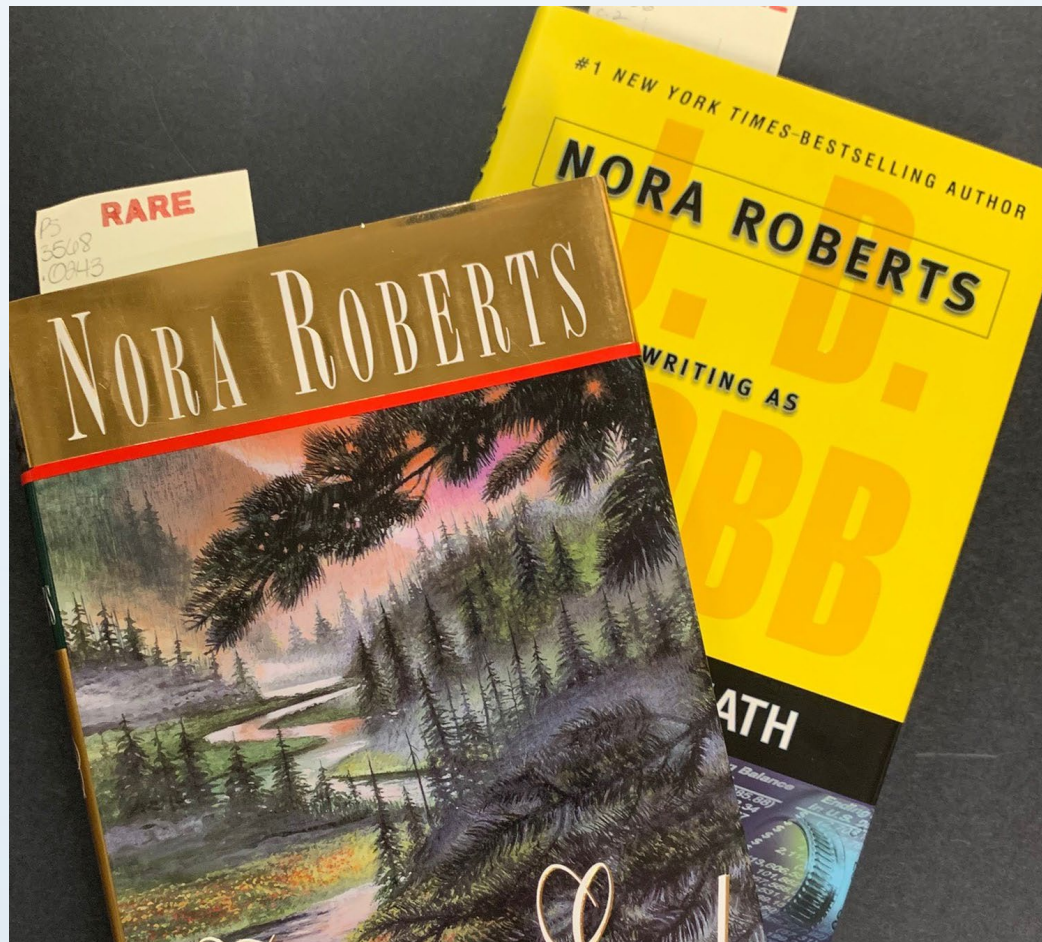
Categories to Reappraise

Local Author Non-fiction:

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



Categories to Reappraise



Poetry & Fiction:

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

Categories to Reappraise

Older, historic books:

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



Sparking Joy



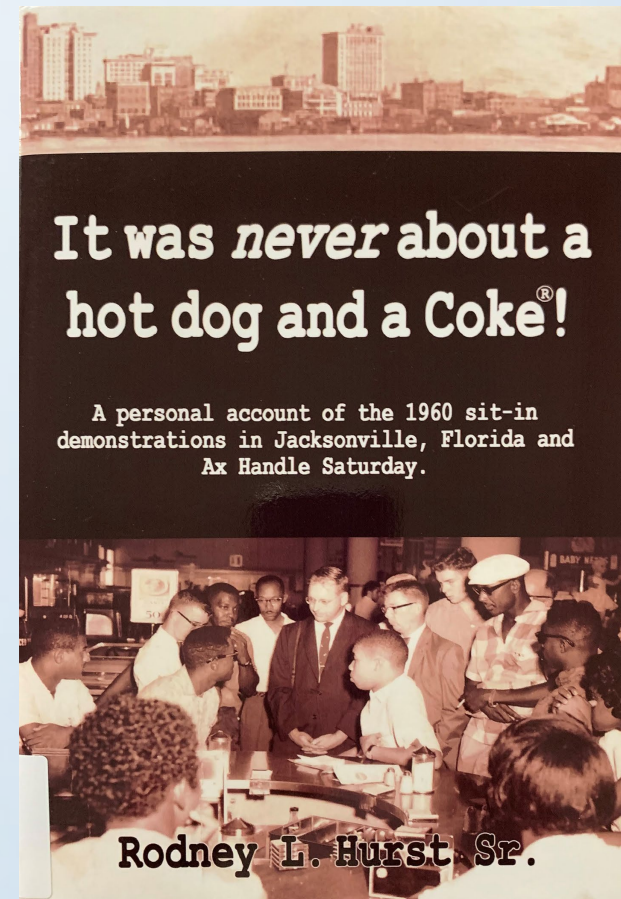
Reappraisal of Faculty Publications



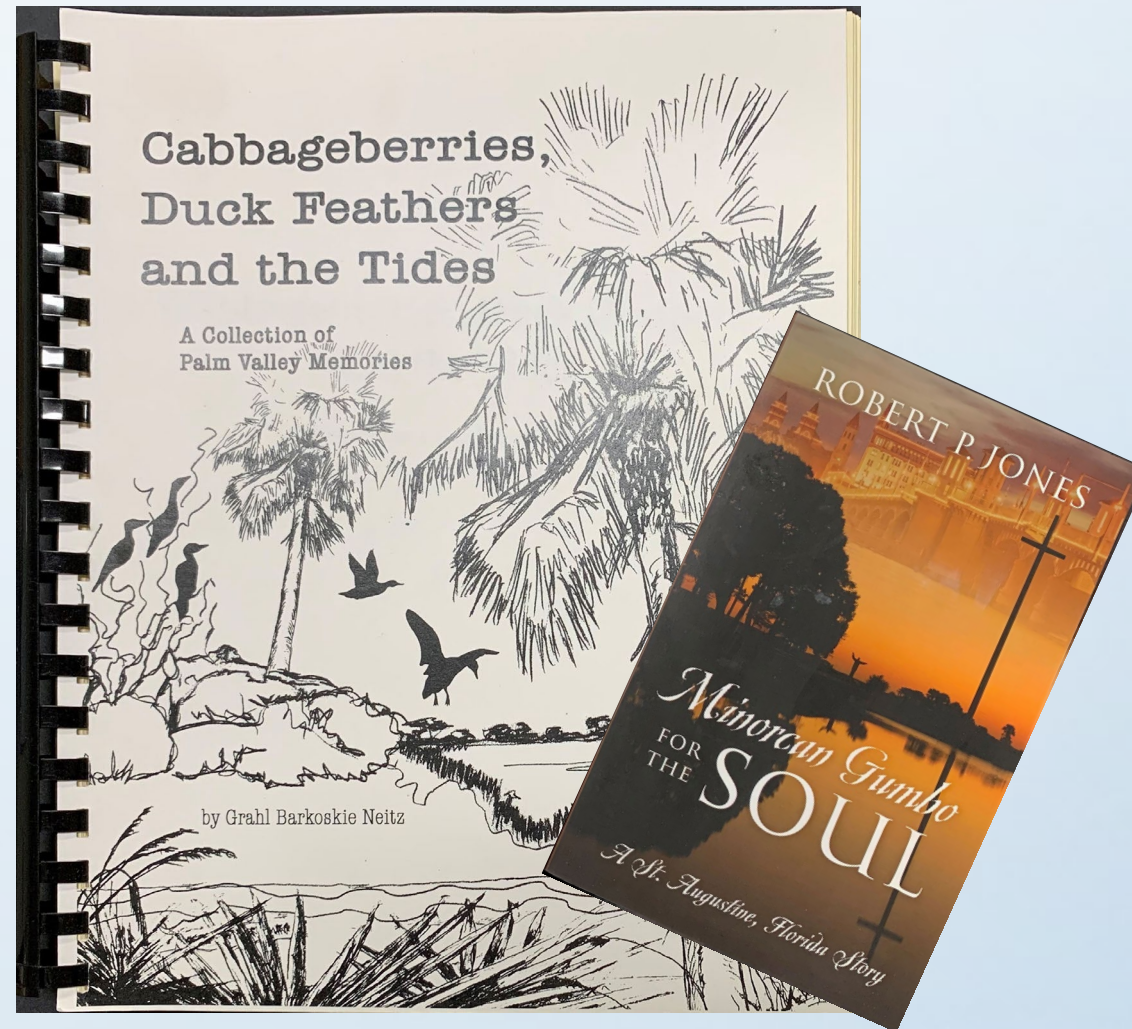
- Transfer to general/circulating collection
- Deaccession duplicates

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.



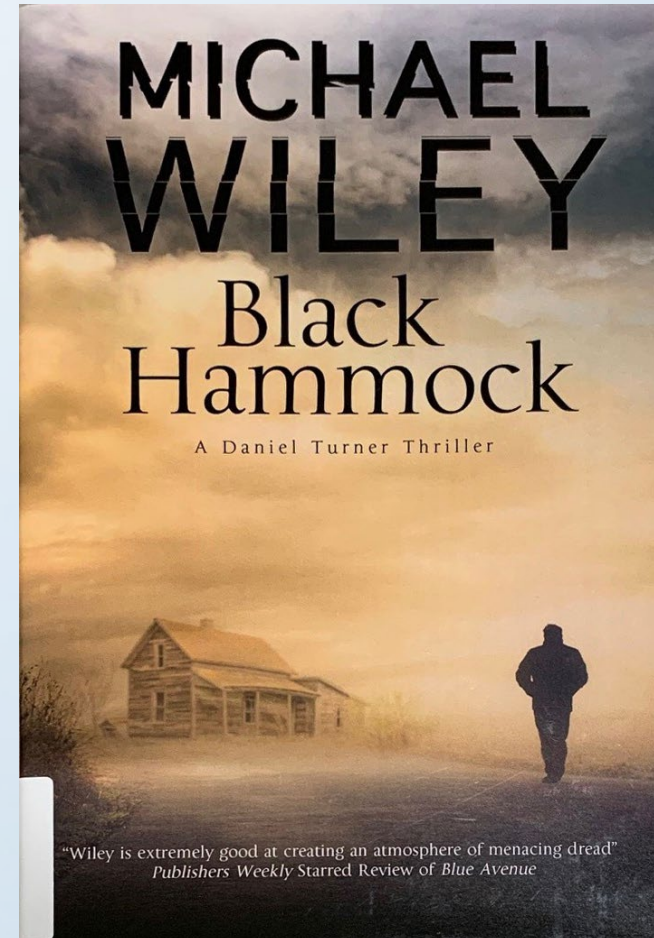
Reappraisal of Local Author Non-fiction



Reappraisal of Poetry & Fiction

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

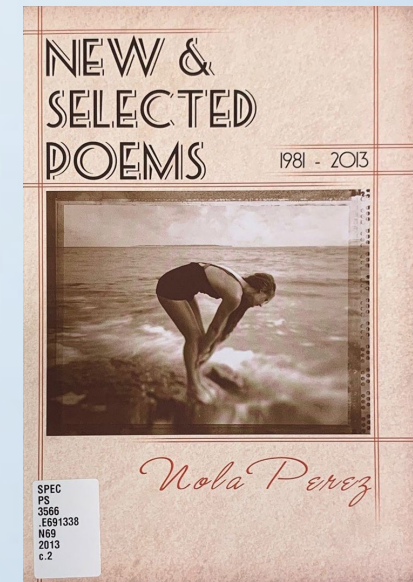
- The author was from Jacksonville, -or-
- The author lives in Jacksonville, -or-
- The book was about Jacksonville.



Reappraisal of Poetry & Fiction

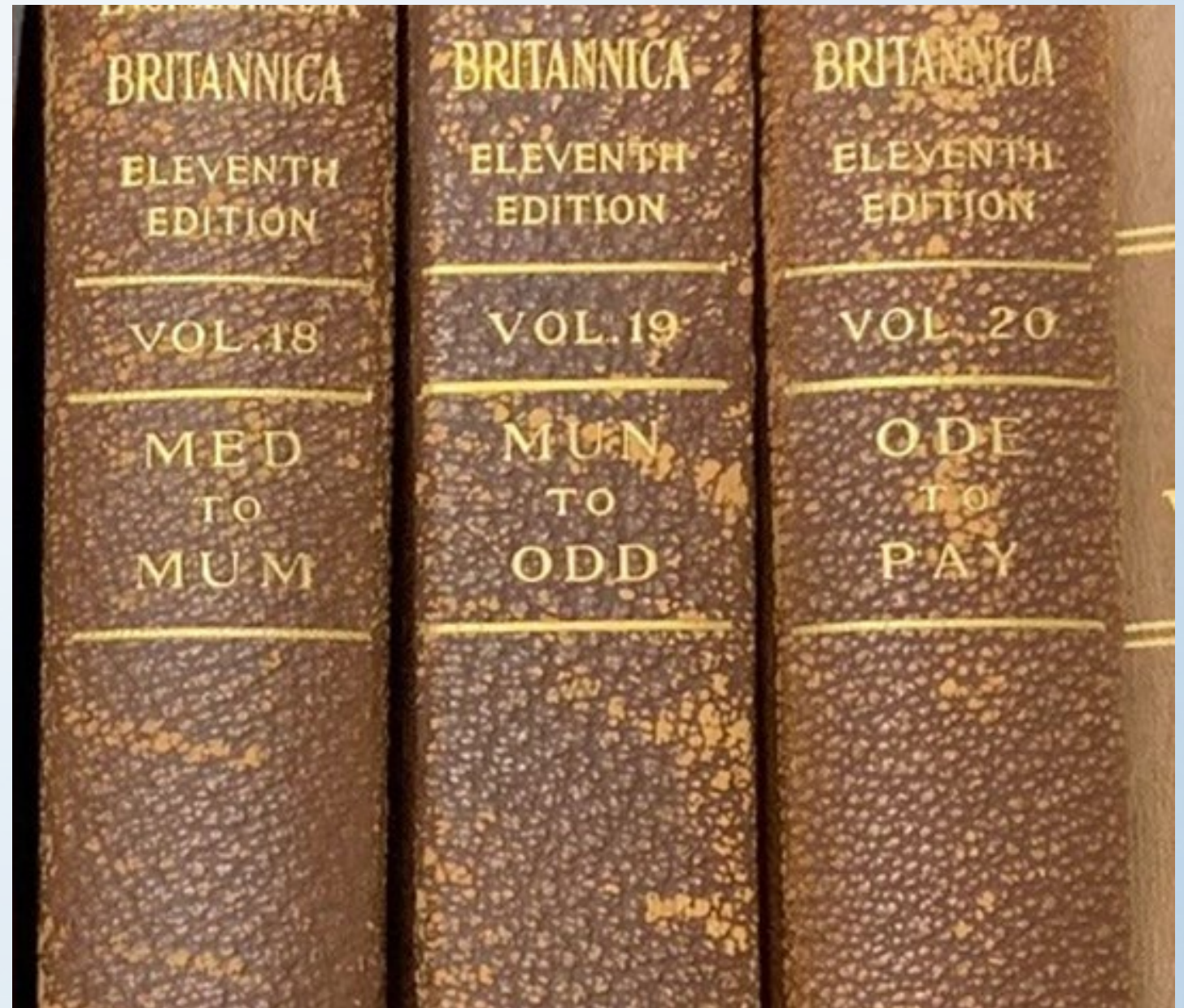
Revised collection criteria for the Northeast Florida Literary Heritage Collection included:

- 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

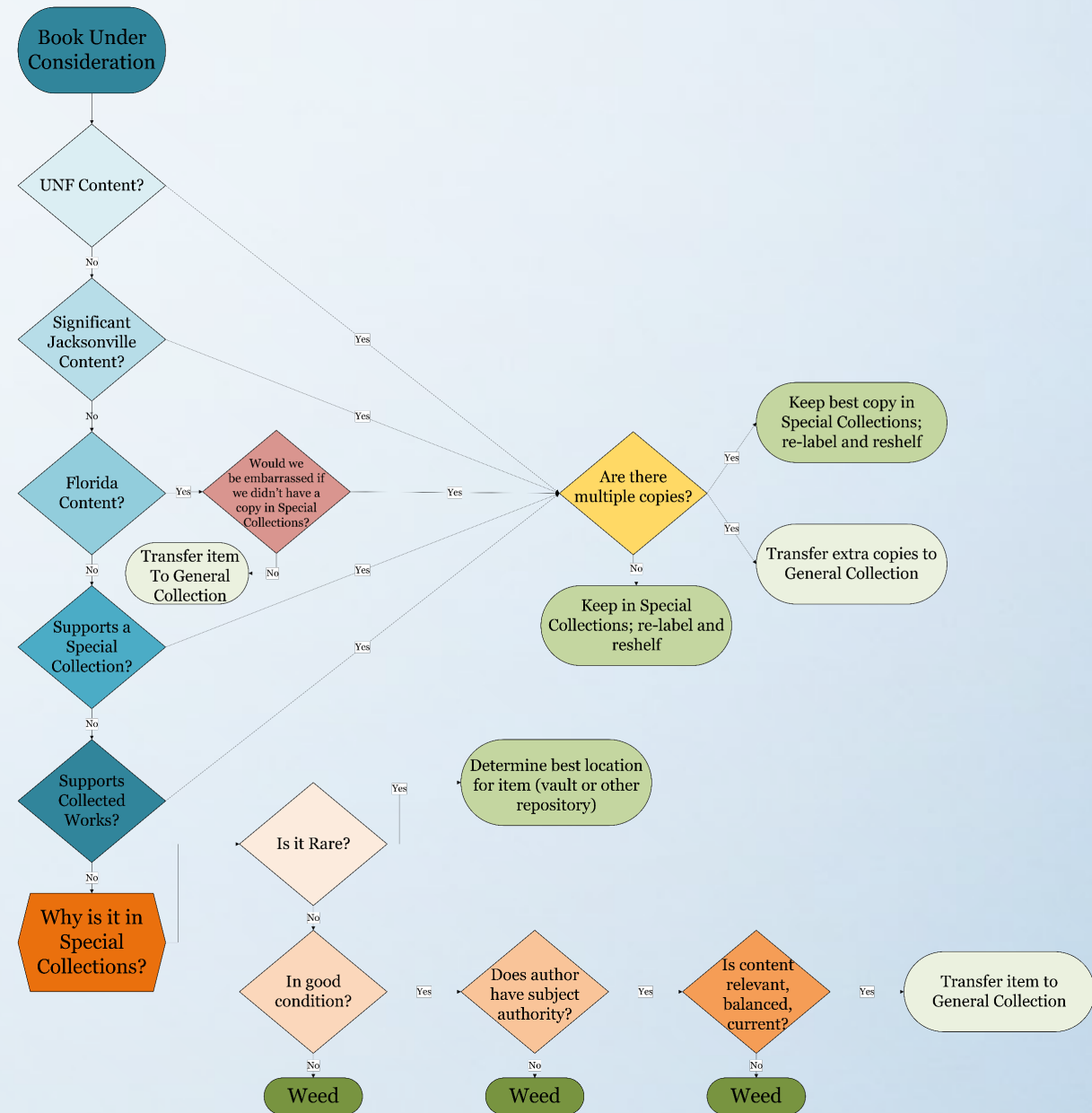




Reappraising older books



Disposition



Retrospection



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





Questions?

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