# Brittle Books in the 21st Century at UVA and Beyond



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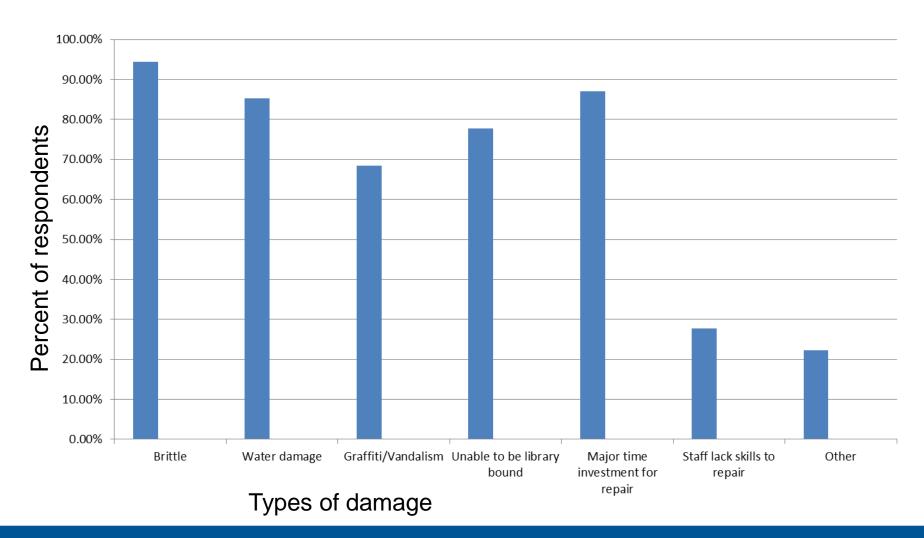


# Survey on Heavily Damaged Materials

- 66 respondents
- 52 of the 66 had workflows in place
- 24 of the 52 respondents identified themselves by institution: all who identified themselves were from college and university libraries

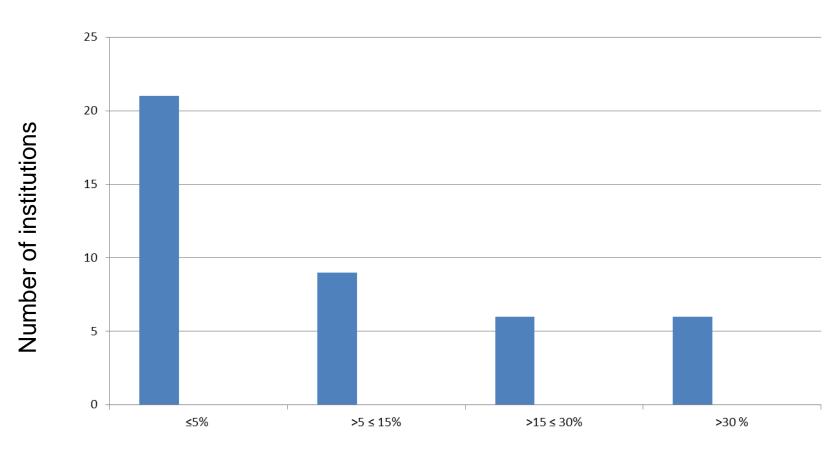


#### Damage Covered in Workflow





### % of Time Spent on Workflow

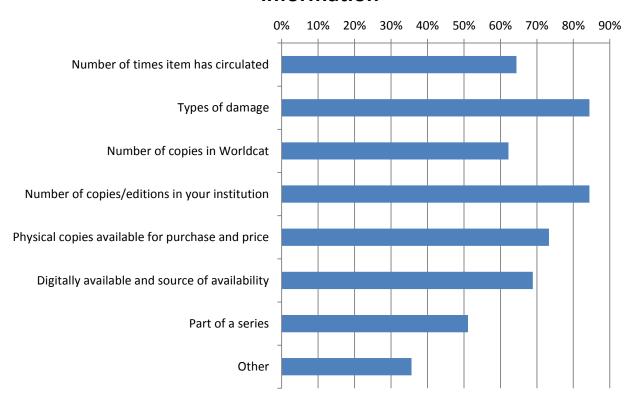


% of FTE staff time dedicated to workflow



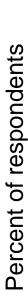
#### Info Gathered to Make Decisions

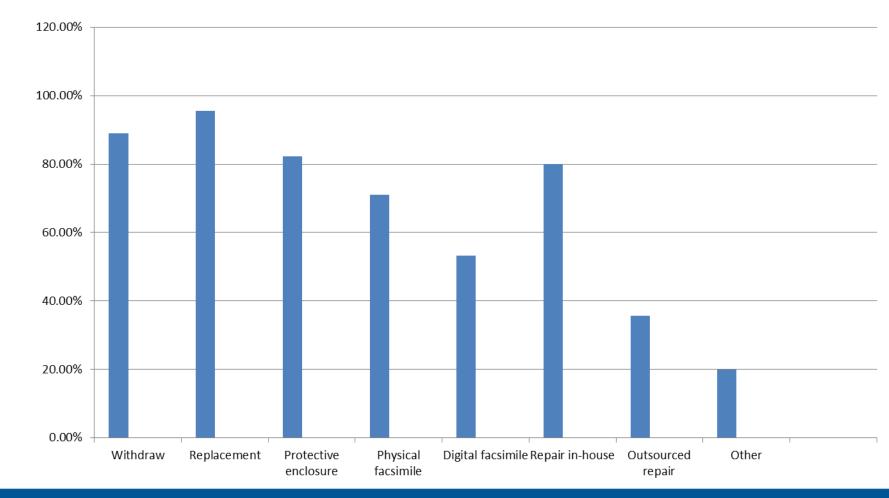
#### Percent of institutions that gathered this information





# Types of Decisions Made

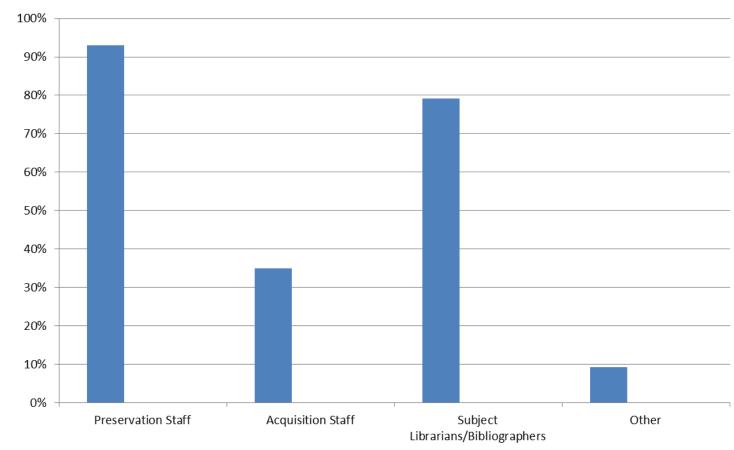






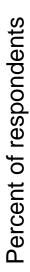
#### Who Makes Decision?

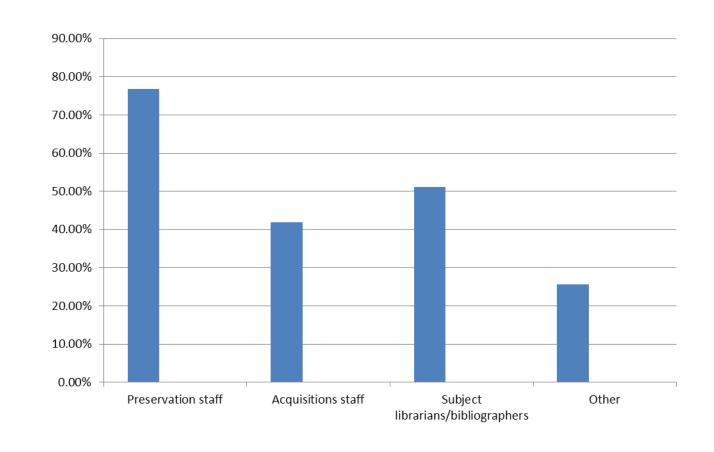






# Who Pays?







## Other Interesting Comments

- Artifactual value plays role
- Not enough staff to repair in-house: replace or rebind
- Focus of work is on priority special collections
- Default decision is digital facsimile placed in Hathi Trust; other decisions are in addition, on case-by-case basis.
- 25% of items withdrawn; 25% boxed



#### UVA

- Relatively new preservation program with relatively old circulating collection
- Google Books project participant ended internal digitization of circulating collections that occurred in mid-to-late 1990s
- Digitization Services focuses on patron requests of Special Collections materials





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#### **Preservation Review**

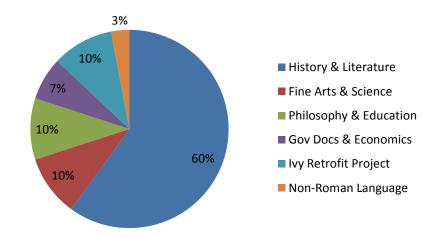
Subject librarian:
Number of patron circs:
Replacement available: Y N
Paper copy:
Same edition: Y N
Digital copy:
Other copies available at UVA:
Other editions available at UVA:
Number of copies in WorldCat:
Does UVA have the other volumes in series?
Types of damage:
Brittle
Graffiti
Can't bind
Water damage
Text block separated from case
Poor previous repair
Other
Binding significant? Y N
Recommended action(s) SL initials
Вох
Withdraw
Purchase another copy
Facsimile
Repair
Other

# Review Flag



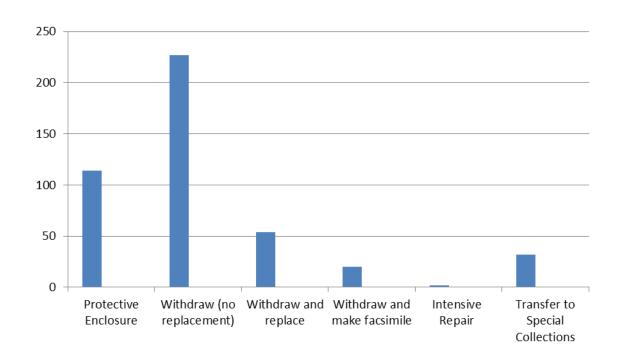
Books on shelf awaiting review by subject librarians

# Program Analysis





## Decisions at UVa (Fall 2010-11)

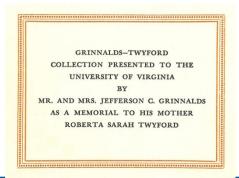




#### Unforeseen Benefits

#### Increased collaboration and communication

- With Subject Librarians
- With Special Collections
- With Acquisitions
- With Inter-library Services







Bookplates from important historical collections



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