Gifts Nobody Wants: The State of the Art in Dealing with Unwanted Donations

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Abstract
As academic librarians and archivists, we continually face the same problem: what to do with well-intentioned but inappropriate gifts. This presentation will look at current best practices in dealing with unwanted gifts before they enter the collection and removing unwanted materials from existing collections. Examples of effective collection management policies that cover both acquisition and deacquisition of items will be provided, together with suggestions for creating a cooperative understanding between the library/archive and the development office.

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Feeling unwanted can leave a big gaping hole in our lives creating serious core wounds. Learn how to explore and heal your pain in this article. One of the best ways I have learned to do this (particularly if you were abandoned as a child emotionally, mentally or physically), is by learning how to re-parent your inner child. I explore how to do that in this article. However, if you are dealing with the pain of feeling unloved as an adult (perhaps as a result of divorce or breakup), self-love is the ultimate way to overcome this trauma. I explore how to love yourself in this article. Final Thoughts … Does it feel like every time you send something to donations it’s replaced by stuff you don’t want from a well meaning and generous relative? Answering a reader question today. We suggested, and received, a family pass for the Vancouver Art Gallery one year. Every time we went to the gallery I mentioned it to my mother-in-law and thanked her again for the gift. If people want suggestions for gifts ask for passes to the zoo, aquarium, children’s museum, etc. Anyone else have suggestion for dealing with unwanted gifts from relatives? Share. Pin. We explained to both sets of grandparents that we did not want more things for the kids and wanted the focus on time spent with each other more than what gifts the kids received at every visit be it at our place or theirs.