

# Hometown Pride

## Local Publishing in the North Carolina State Government Digital Publications Collection

### UNCW Perspective

University Archives, located in Randall Library, is the official repository of records and history of the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). Archival collections include office records, meeting minutes, photographs, maps, videos, university publications, and more.

For UNCW and all UNC-System schools, university publications are state publications. University Archives contributes PDFs to the State Government Publications Collection, which is an open and searchable full-text database powered by ContentDM. The State Library digitizes publications, uploads born-digital documents, and creates Dublin Core metadata and MARC records, all for free.

### Bulk requests

In December 2017, University Archives requested digitization of 103 state publications on higher education. Students in the archives reading room used resources like *The Fact Book on Higher Education in North Carolina* (1962) and *UNC Institutional Profiles* for research projects. In digital format, these works will reach new users, including commuter students and distance learners.

### Q & A

**Q:** I have state publications in my local library collections. How can I get them digitized?

**A:** Consider sending PDFs to the State Library for inclusion in a growing digital collection.

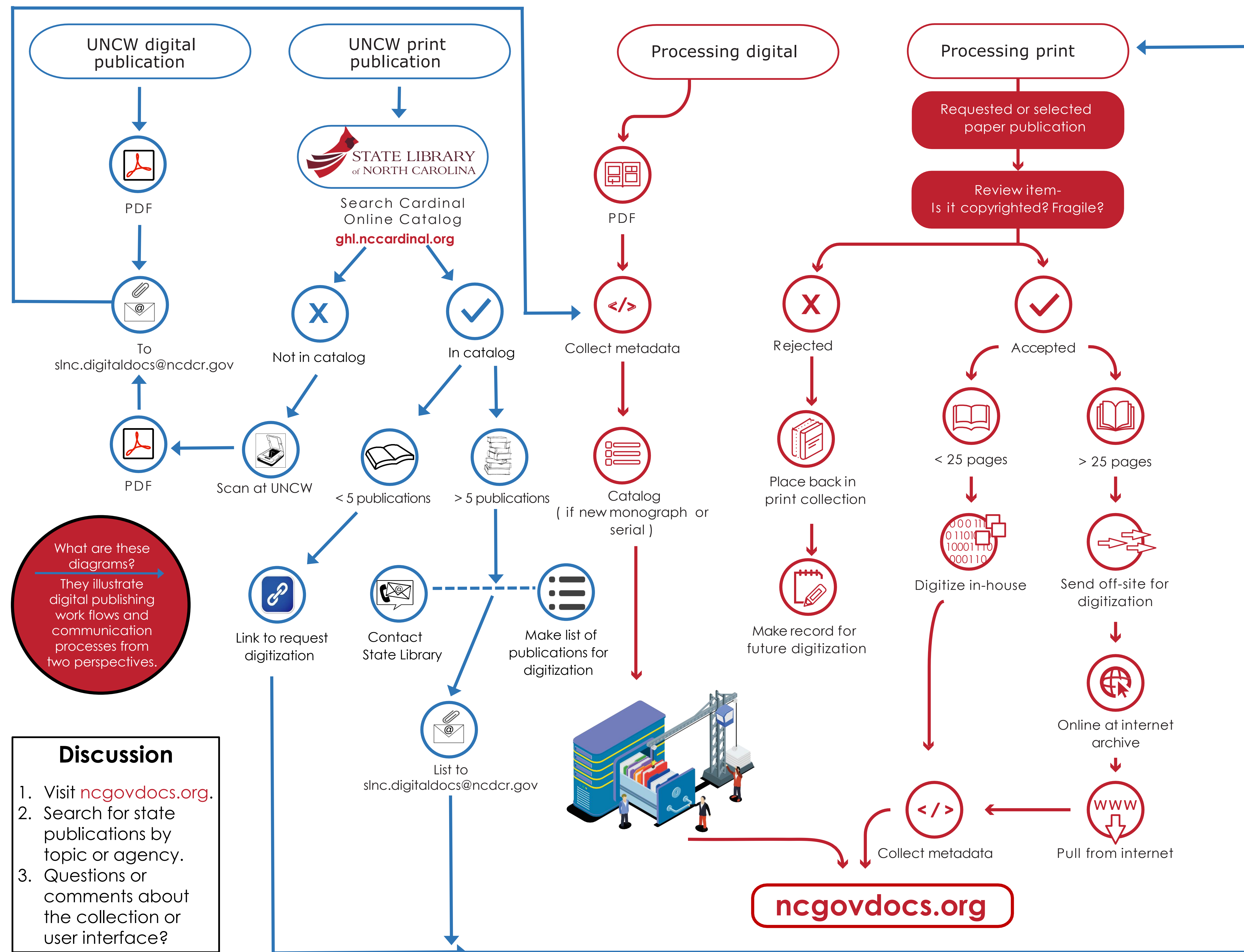
**Q:** Our library users need books or serials produced by state government or one of its agencies, and they are only available in print. Can they get digitized?

**A:** The State Library welcomes digitization suggestions from librarians. Send recommendations!

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The University Archives of the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh are partners in driving state publications to the Web. As part of the State Government Digital Publications Collection, UNCW publications gain visibility, views, and a value-added digital presence.



### State Library Perspective

The State Library is popular among genealogy researchers for its collections of indexes and abstracts of NC records, family records, newspapers, and microfilm. In addition, the State Library has an extensive collection of North Caroliniana available for lending. By law, the library's primary function is to serve as the principal library of state government and the official permanent depository for publications of state government and state agencies.

For many years, this has meant paper publications but now there is a large and rapidly growing North Carolina State Government Publications Digital Collection.



ncgovdocs.org

The digital publication collection is wide-ranging, with historic 18<sup>th</sup>-century print publications that the State Library has digitized and "born-digital" books and serials in the areas of health, agriculture, biotechnology, employment, environment, education, and more.

The State Library offers full online access to more than **31,000** items. For example,

*North Carolina State Manual* (1874-2002)  
*Wildlife in North Carolina* (1937-Present)  
*Tar Heel Junior Historian* (1961-1999)  
Biographies of public officials

### Services for local libraries

Many state publications are of local interest. Magazines by community colleges, commencement bulletins from the University of North Carolina, and county histories published by the NC Office of Archives and History are state publications.

If your organization produces or collects state publications, the State Library will help you digitize them to share with a wider audience. The library also provides digital preservation services for the collection, promoting longevity of these digital assets for future generations. If you do not have a homegrown digitization program, or if you would like to contribute to the State Government Digital Publications Program as part of your organization's overall digitization strategy, contact the State Library.

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