**NLS Rubric and Rating Descriptions**

*“Librarians may assign designations to book records to denote if the books contain violence, strong language, or sexual content.*

*NLS utilizes four criteria for sexual content: some descriptions of sex, descriptions of sex, some explicit descriptions of sex, and explicit descriptions of sex. While each person’s perception of explicitness is subjective, NLS generally considers the following guidelines when choosing between the four criteria.*

-          ***Explicit descriptions of sex:*** *The author uses frank, descriptive language to depict sexual acts, numerous times throughout the book.*

-          ***Some explicit descriptions of sex:*** *The author uses frank, descriptive language to depict sexual acts, in a few scenes throughout the book.*

-          ***Descriptions of sex****: The author uses less direct or detailed language to describe sexual acts and situations. The book contains numerous sex scenes.*

-          ***Some descriptions of sex****: The author uses less direct or detailed language to describe sexual acts and situations. The book contains few sex scenes.*

*-* ***Strong language****: The author uses profanity fairly freely.*

-         ***Some strong language****: The author uses profanity, but it is mild or infrequent.*

-          ***Violence:*** *The author describes brutal acts in detail.*

-          ***Some violence****: The author uses brutality, but it is not frequent.”*