

DESCRIBING & MEASURING CONTEMPORARY PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES IN ARL LIBRARIES

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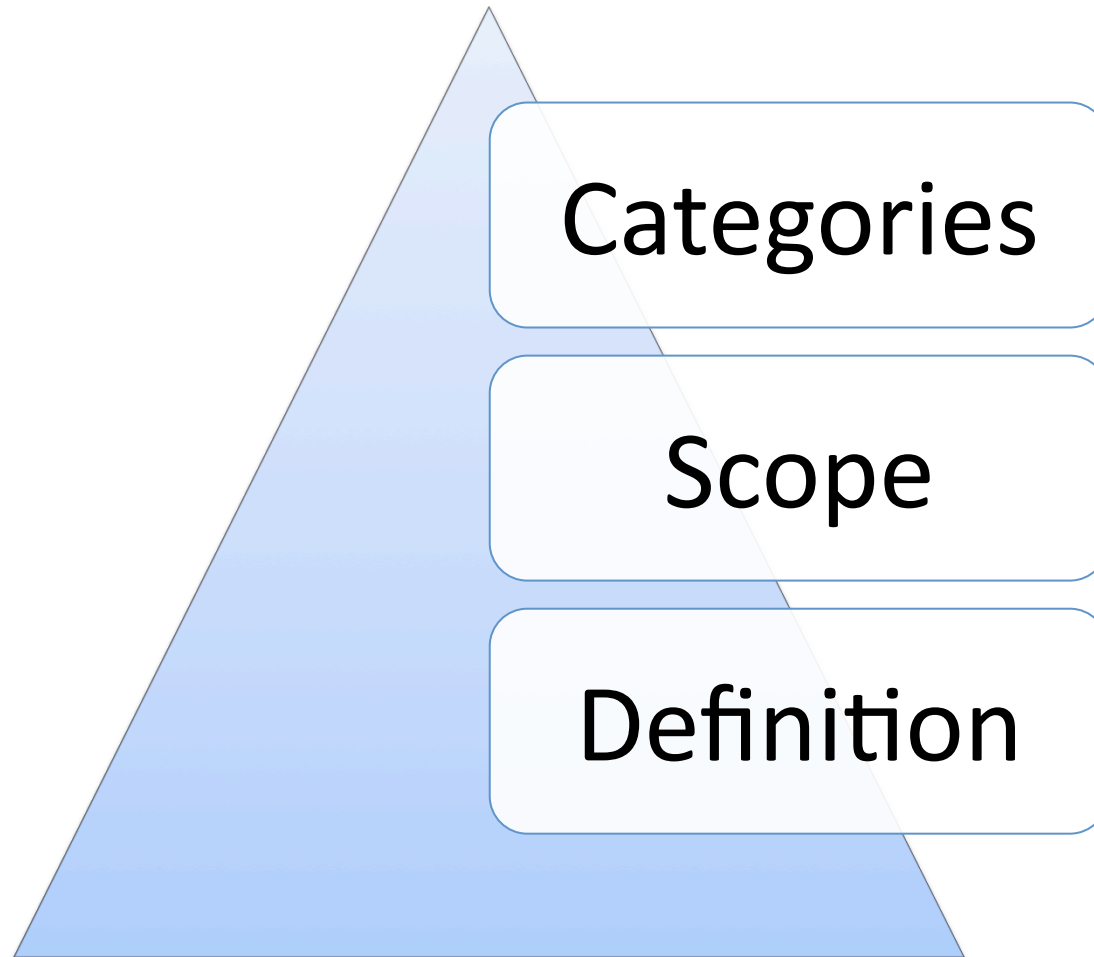
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

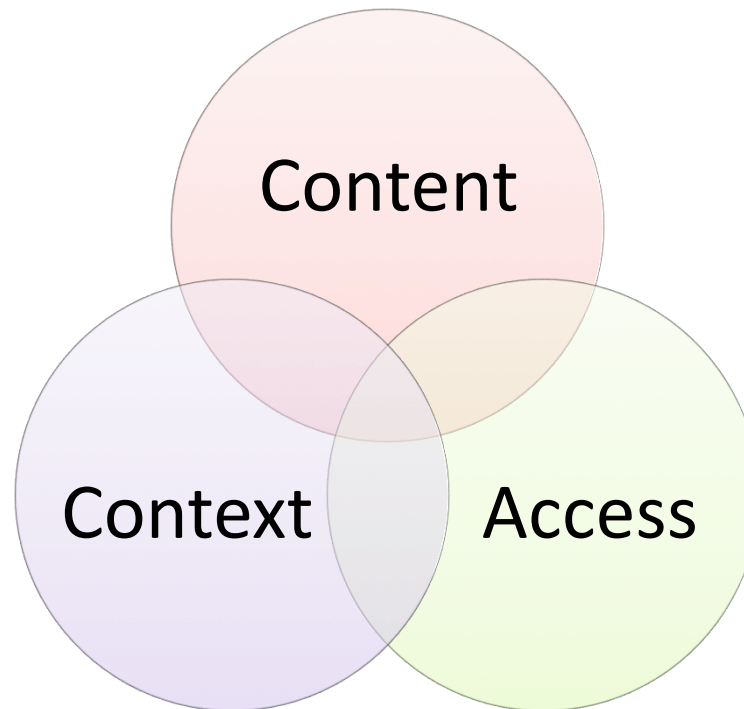
- Assignment
 - 2006 Task Force Report
 - Scope
 - Document extant and emerging trends and strategies
 - Identify community preservation concerns
 - Provide observations, recommendations, and questions
- Methodology
 - Qualitative interviews
 - Experts meeting
 - Literature review
 - Review of preservation statistics

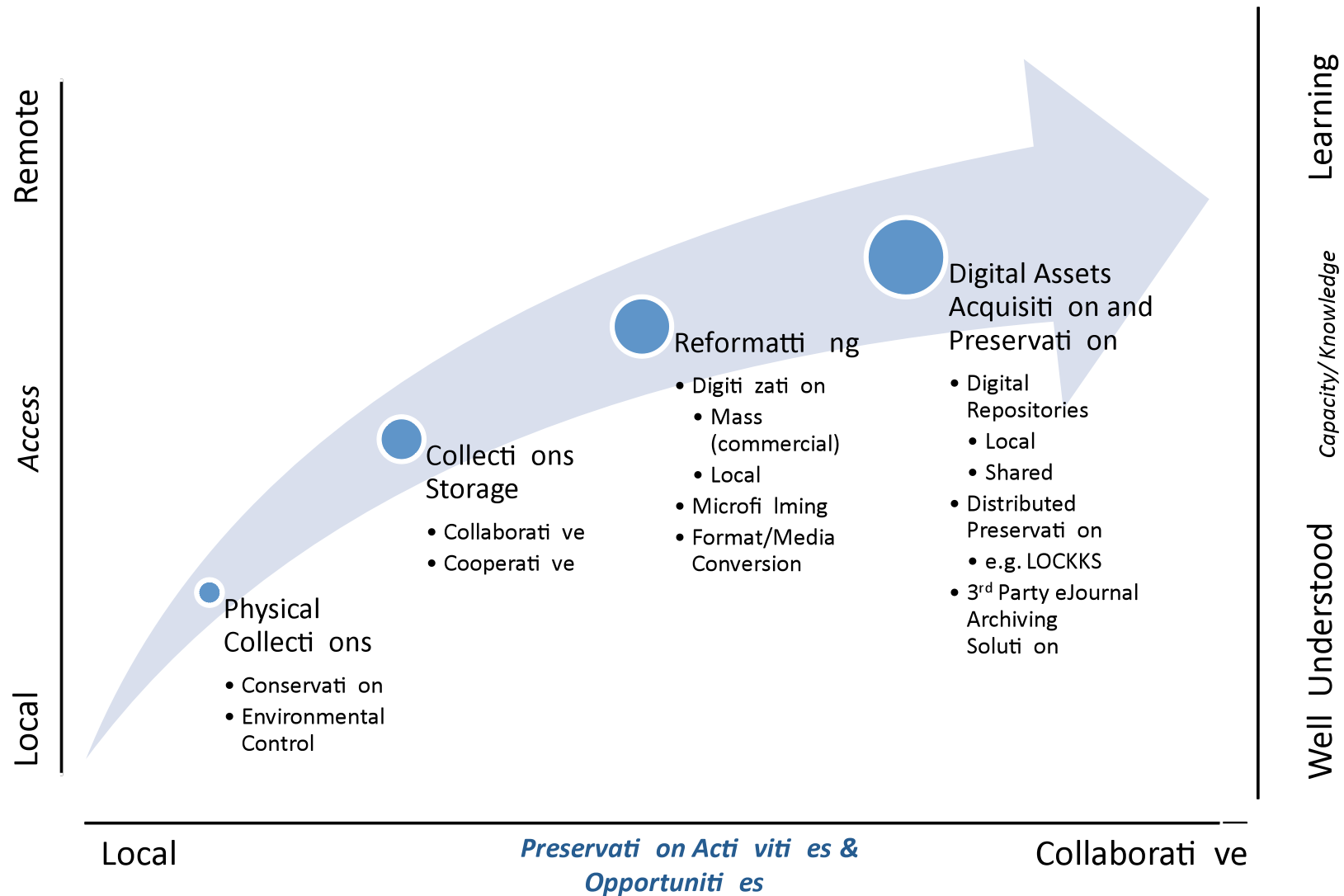
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A PRESERVATION DEFINITION

Preservation focuses on the relationship between three variables...





PRESERVATION CATEGORIES

- For purpose of this report, preservation activities fall into three categories with fuzzy boundaries
 - Core preservation work
 - Emerging preservation initiatives, with emphasis on digital curation
 - Community Preservation Challenges

CORE PRESERVATION WORK

Libraries typically pursue some or all of the activities in this category

Environments & Monitoring

Binding and Library Binders

Conservation & Deacidification

Staff & User Education, Disaster Planning

Microfilming, Pres Photocopying, Digitization→

EMERGING PRESERVATION INITIATIVES WITH EMPHASIS ON DIGITAL CURATION

Some libraries are pursuing activities in this category

Digitization (print, mss, sound, moving image)

3rd Party eJournal Archiving Solutions

Partnering with IT Units on Repository Development

Acquiring & Preserving Digital Content, Web Archiving

Storage & Preservation (print and digital)

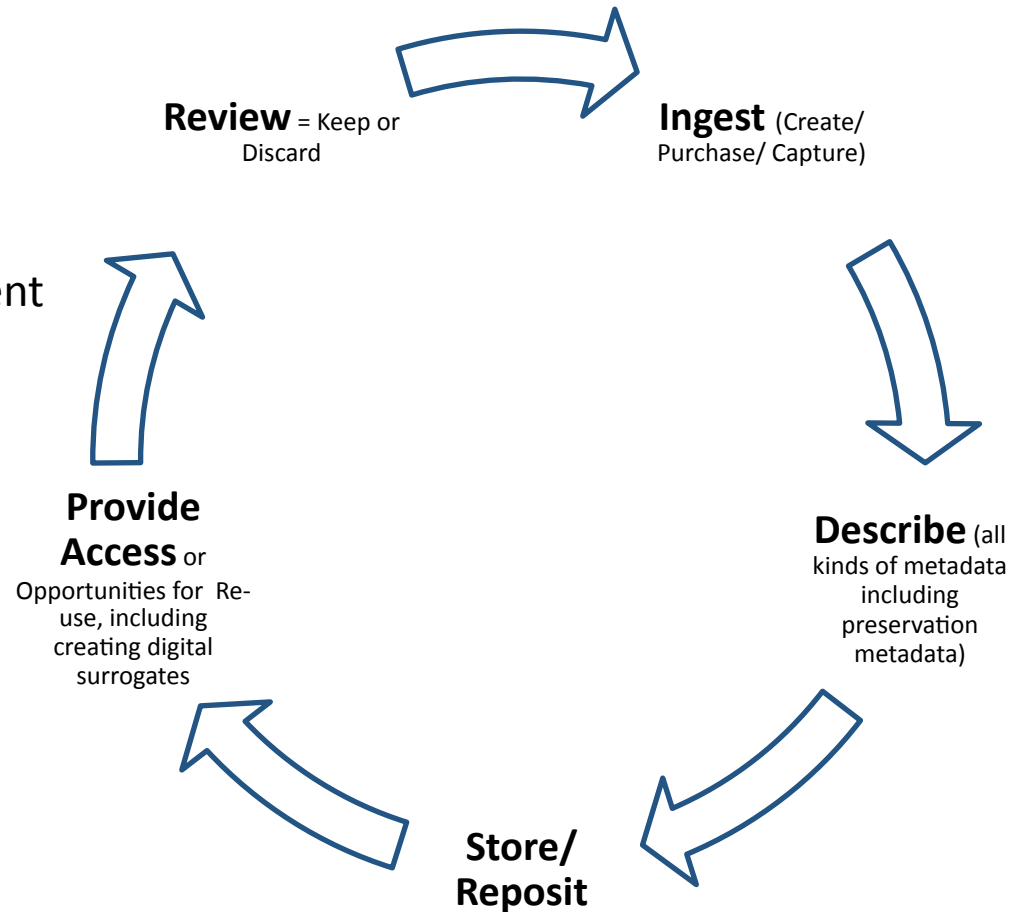
COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

More direction or guidance is needed for:

- Identifying priorities and resource strategies
- Characterizing an institutional role for preservation
- Establishing national agendas, priorities, or strategies

PRIORITIES AND THE ROLE OF PRESERVATION

- Preservation and
 - Collection Development
 - Acquisitions
- Preservation Administration and Organization



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CHALLENGES

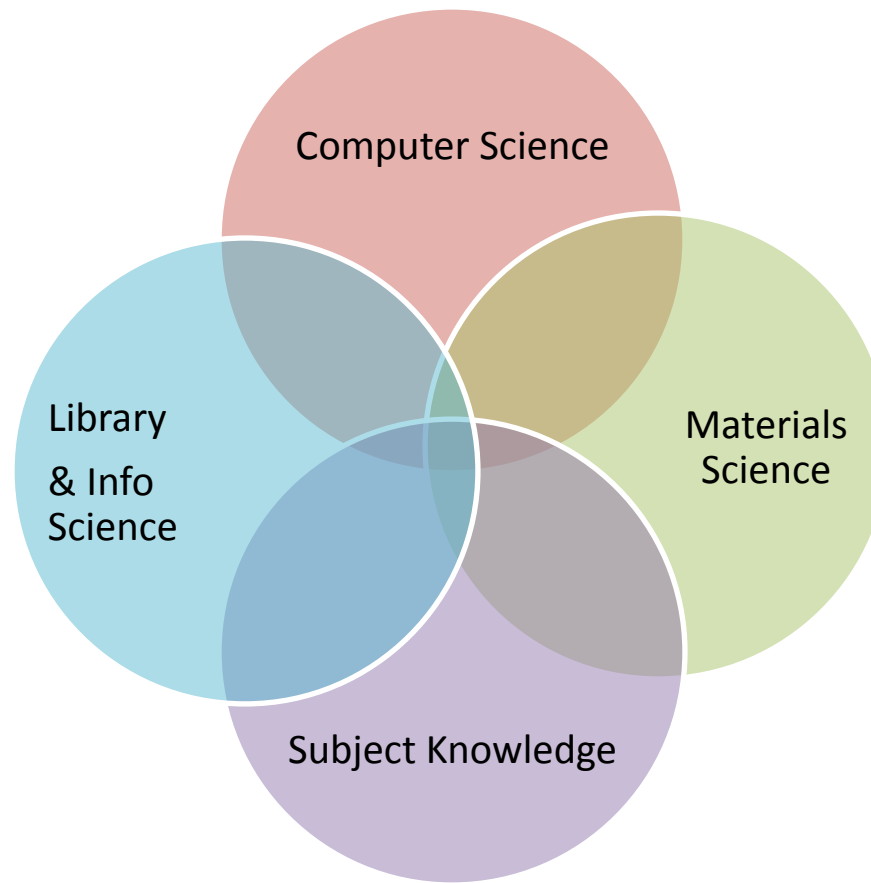
- National agendas and strategies
 - Deacidification
 - Digitization
 - Web archiving
 - Best/last copy
 - Storage

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CHALLENGES

- Multiple stakeholders with interest in furthering preservation
 - CLIR
 - LC
 - ARL
 - OCLC/RLG
 - ALA
 - Libraries, Archives, Museums
 - ...

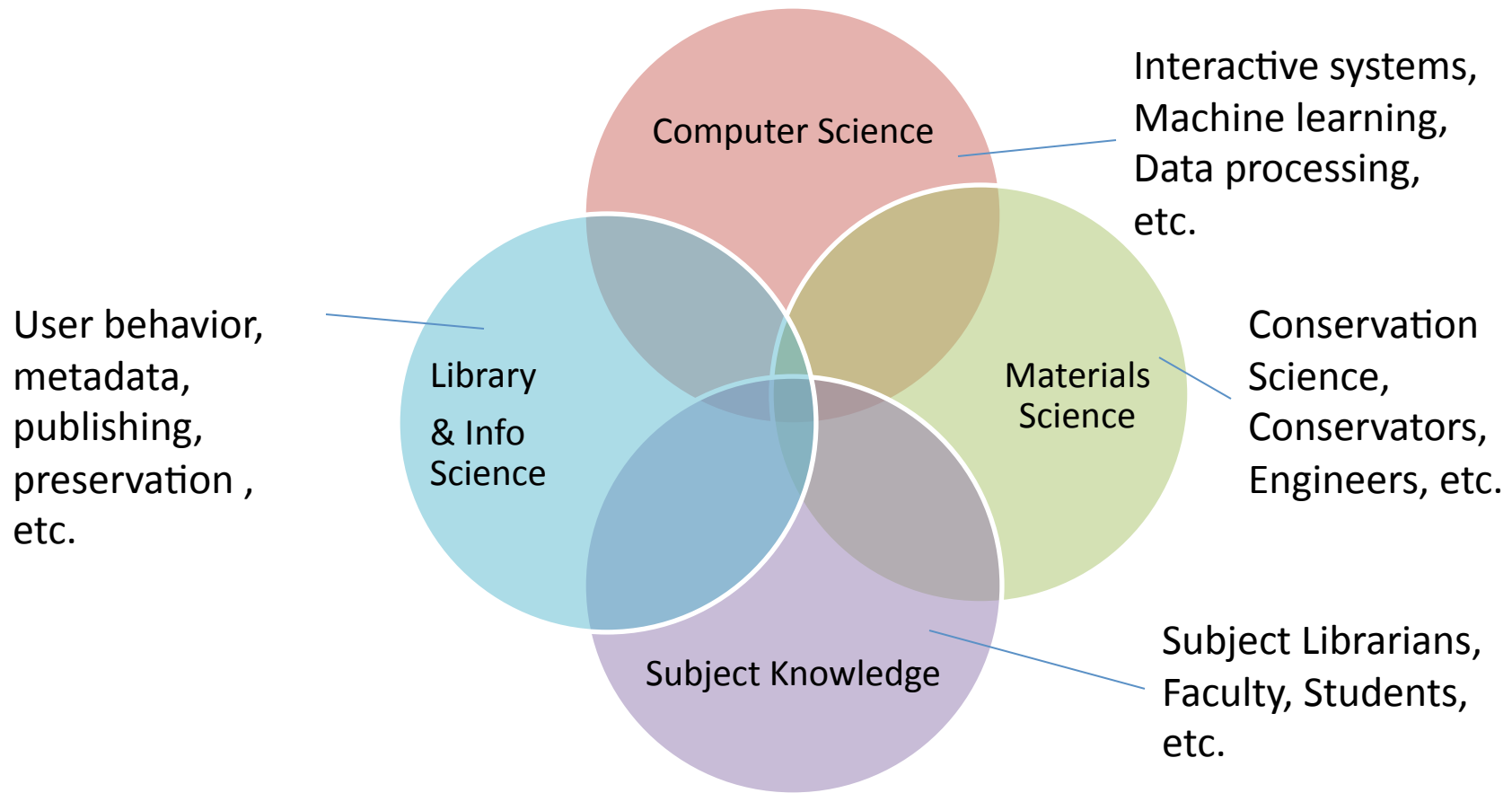
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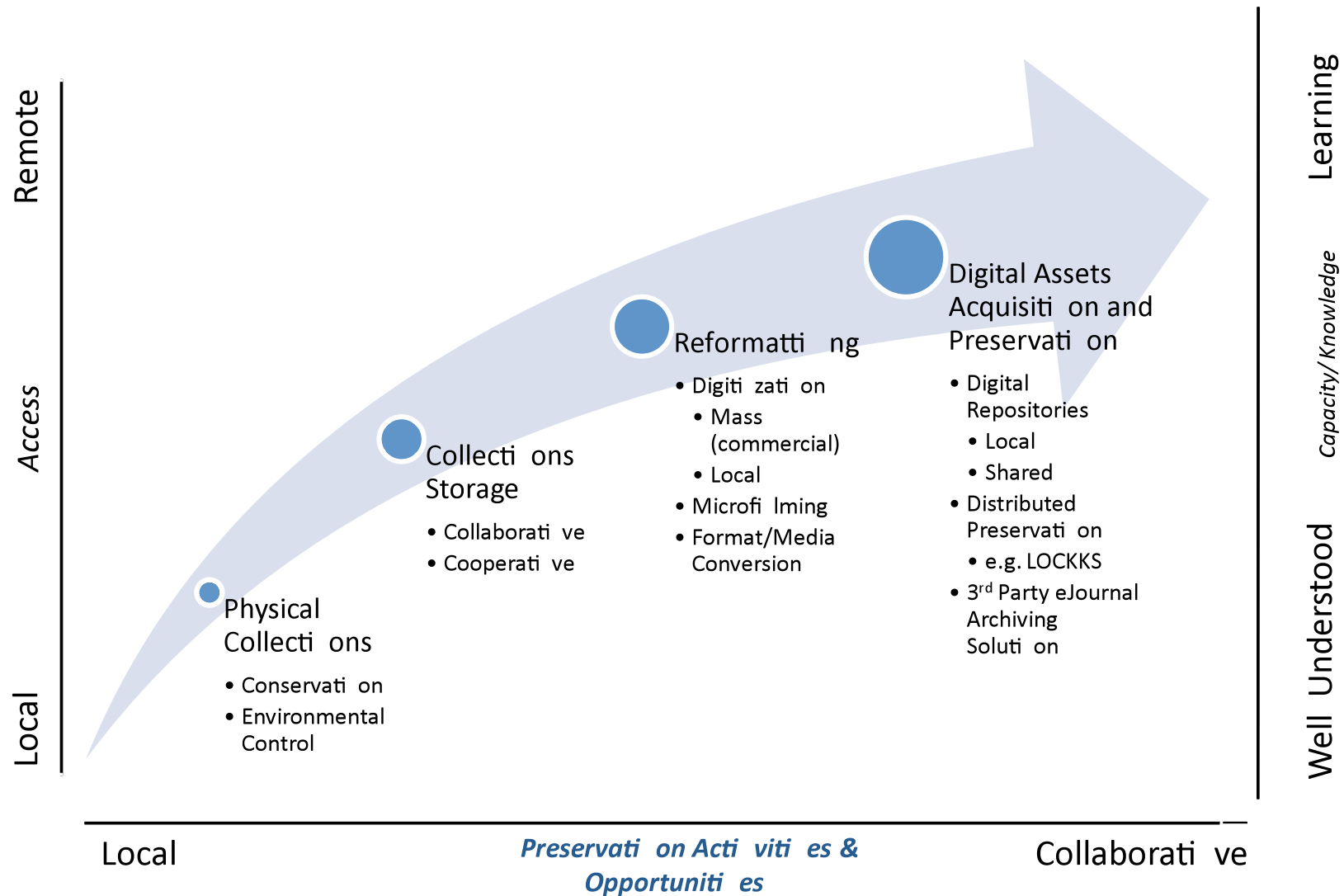
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NEXT STEPS

- Report
- Institutional Self Assessment/Profiles
- Preservation Statistics

Thoughts
Questions
Concerns
Suggestions