

Archives and Data

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Me by the numbers ...

- 50+** DPM (**Digital Preservation Management Workshops**) since 2003 for managers in any organization dpworkshop.org/
- 30+** years responsible for **preserving digital content** including data for government, academic, and non-profit institutions
- 10** years working on electronic records at the **U.S. National Archives** appraising, accessioning, preserving federal records, predominantly **federally-created data**
- 5** years responsible for digital preservation at **ICPSR**, largest social science research data archive
- 1** year as President of the Society of American Archivists (**SAA**), ending July 2017

2017 SAA Annual Meeting: Community Archives



The Liberated Archive Forum

We know that “Archives Change Lives.” Come explore how Archives Can Change Communities and Communities Can Change Archives!

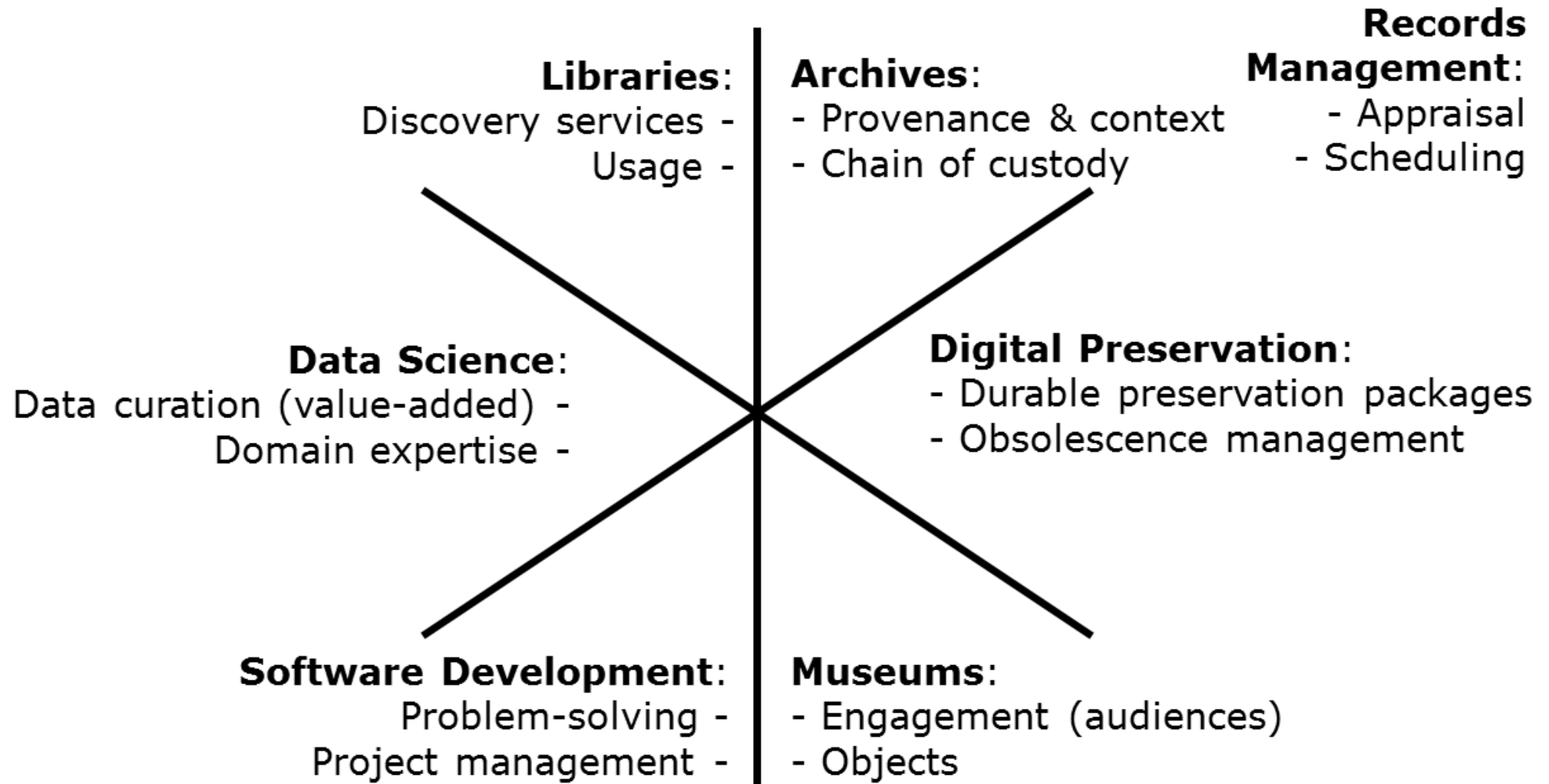
THE LIBERATED ARCHIVE: A FORUM FOR ENVISIONING AND IMPLEMENTING A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH TO ARCHIVES

The Liberated Archive goes beyond good intentions to explore how archivists might partner with the public to repurpose the archive as a site of social transformation and radical inclusion. There are two goals for the Forum:

- To provide community members with tools, techniques, and human connections that they can use to transform themselves as they need and desire, and
- To provide archivists with tools, techniques, and human connections that you can use in your own community to transform the way in which the human record is documented.

<http://archivists.org/am2017/program/liberated-archive-forum>

Domain Strengths for Collaborating



Considerations

- Persistent Access (gap) and Persistent Preservation (partners)
- Web Archiving (not all) and Data Archiving (relationships)
- Federally-created (Federal record) and Federally-funded
- Other data about core issues

Perceiving and Mitigating Risks

Relative risk from a preservation perspective:

1. Data that will be prevented from being created
2. Federally-funded data until repositories network stronger
3. Important data funded by others (local, foundations)
4. Federally-created data (partners, track record)

Opportunities for Collaboration – Playing to Our Strengths

- Complete a **gap analysis** of requirements and needs
- Partner on **persistent access** – finding solutions
- Devise comprehensive monitor, detect, respond service using The Keepers Registry (ejournals) and cobweb (websites) as examples
- Build on existing base for **persistent preservation**
- Define and promulgate **standard acquisition metadata** for web archiving, database extraction, rescues, etc.
- Cross-domain teams to **raise awareness**
- Right-size, provide, and share **training** for persistent access & persistent preservation teams
- Examples from *Future of Libraries* report