

Alphabet Soup:



Balancing the (Sometimes) Competing Demands in Shared Collections

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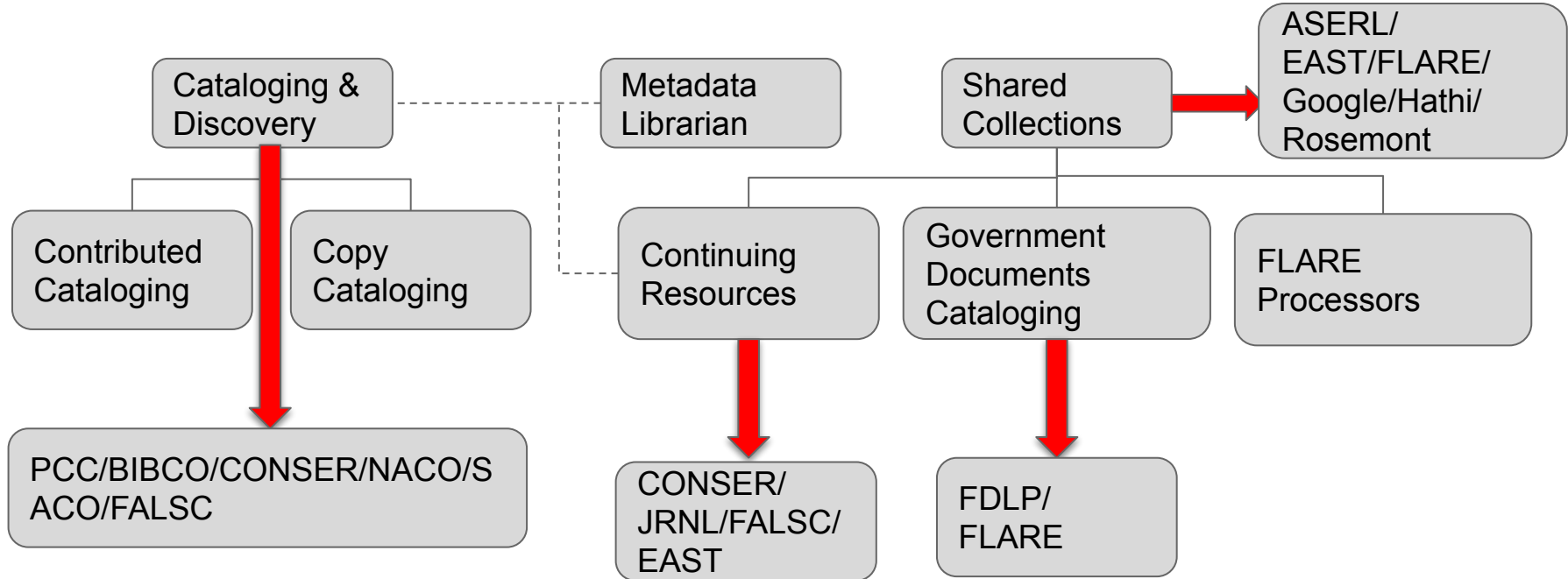
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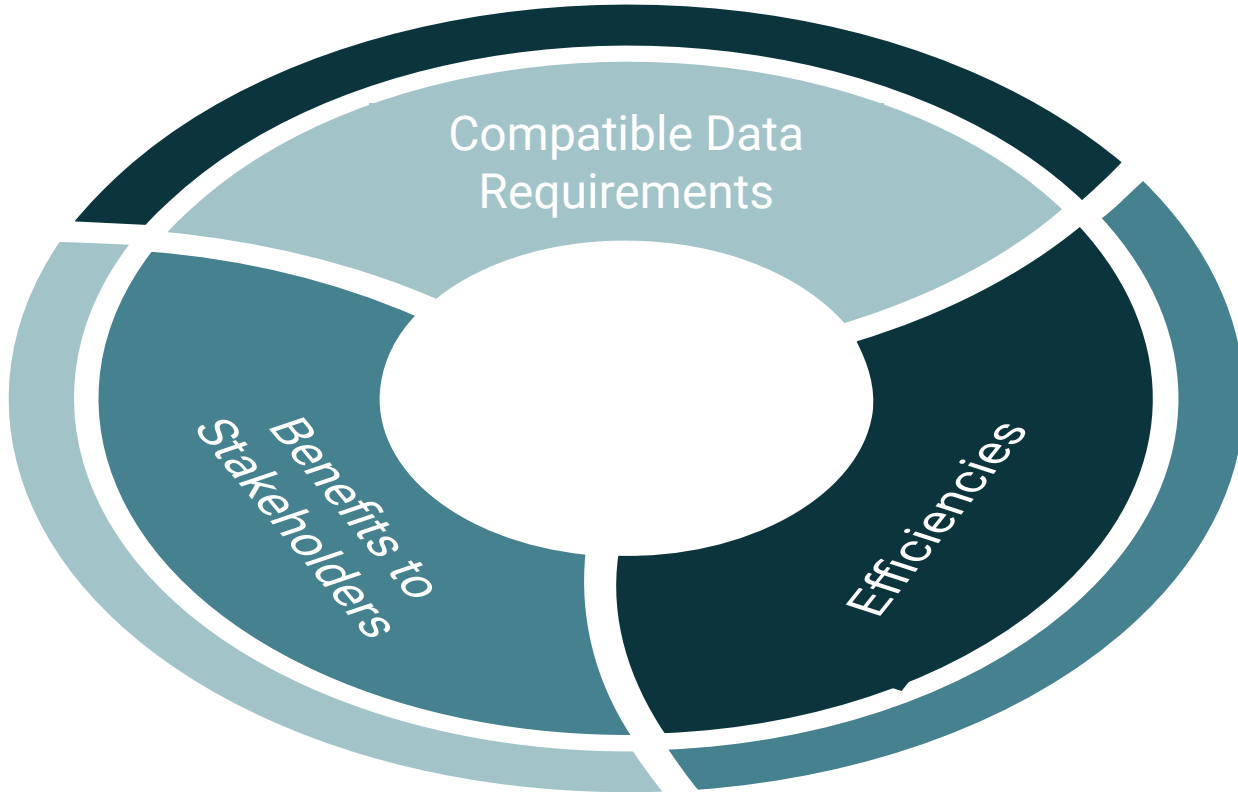
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- ASERL/Scholars Trust (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries)
- EAST (Eastern Academic Scholars Trust)
- FALSC (Florida Academic Library Services Cooperative)
- FDLP (Federal Depository Library Program)
- FLARE (FLorida Academic REpository)
- Google Books
- Hathi Trust Shared Print
- JRNL (Journal Retention and Needs Listing)
- PCC (Program for Cooperative Cataloging)/BIBCO/CONSER/NACO/SACO
- Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

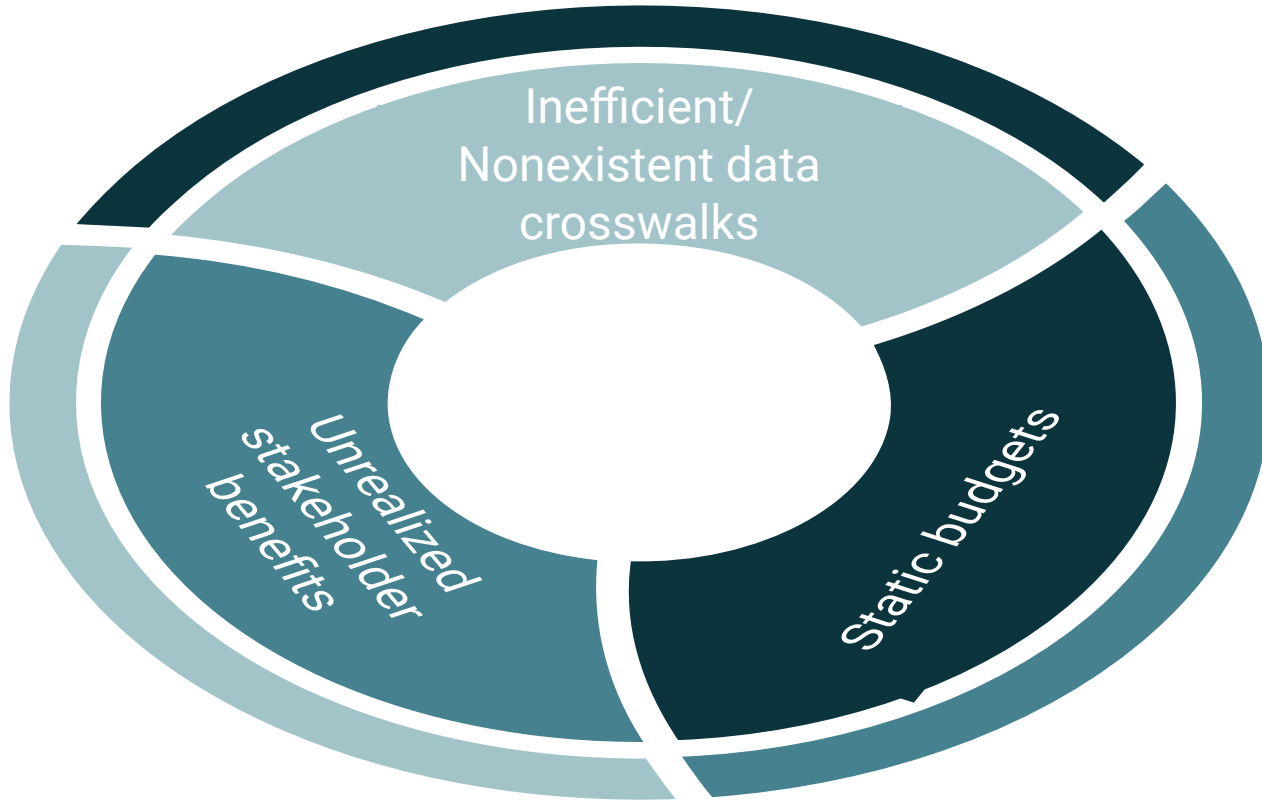
Organizational Structure



Hoped for Outcomes



Actual Outcomes



Major Barriers

- Complexity of getting data out
- Bad data
- Complex communication
- Automatic processes that introduce additional problems
- Limited resources
- A truly one-stop system that reduces all of these barriers

Challenge to Libraries

- Shared collections is an important initiative
 - Long-term implications for the future of libraries
- Identify our core mission
 - Support new initiatives but recognize that something may have to give
- Create mechanisms that allow for the complex processes required
 - May require creative funding, grant seeking, looking to industries outside of libraries, etc
- Recognize that there is no free lunch
 - We have to make choices

Thank You!

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