### DigCCurr - Preserving Access to Our Digital Future: Building an International Digital Curation Curriculum

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| 1. Systems Engineering and Development | “Systems engineering provides the systems analysis and development work necessary for IT infrastructure development. It also lends technical assistance to...activities surrounding the acquisition, development, and deployment of advanced IT and communications systems.”<sup>1</sup> | • Analysis<sup>2</sup>  
• Coding, testing and implementation<sup>3</sup>  
• Database analysis<sup>4</sup>  
• Database design and specification<sup>5</sup>  
• Design<sup>6</sup>  
• Interface design<sup>7</sup>  
• Operation and maintenance<sup>8</sup>  
• Requirements Definition<sup>9</sup>  
• Specification<sup>10</sup> |
| 2. Production                          | Creation of digital objects, either directly or through digitization of analog materials.                                                                                                                             | • Assign to management class<sup>12</sup>  
• Ensure production is authorized and ethically sound<sup>13</sup>  
• Fix to medium<sup>14</sup>  
• Generate digital content<sup>15</sup> |
| 3. Selection, Appraisal and Disposition | Processes associated with determining what subsets of all possible digital information should be kept, how long they should be kept, and where they should be kept. This includes disposition, which is the determination that, at a particular time or upon the occurrence of a particular event, a digital object or set of digital objects should be either (1) removed out of an operational system and into another one, or (2) destroyed. | • Deselection<sup>17</sup>  
• Enact selection, appraisal or disposition<sup>18</sup>  
• Evaluation and monitoring of collections<sup>19</sup>  
• Identify needs<sup>20</sup>  
• Identify valuable information resources<sup>21</sup>  
• Make selection, appraisal or disposition decision<sup>22</sup>  
• Selection/collection policy development<sup>23</sup> |
| 4. Identifying, Locating and Harvesting |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | • Extracting identifier information to determine network location of resource            |

<sup>1</sup> The sub-functions are often presented as a serialized set of stages (as in the waterfall development model). While some sub-functions naturally follow from others, we are not assuming any particular development methodology. One could iterate through the sub-functions in whatever order and as many times as the organization deems necessary.
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<sup>b</sup> The main conceptual boundary between Transfer and Ingest is: getting an object into the archives environment generally, which can include a staging area (Transfer), and the formal incorporation of the object as part of an AIP into the Archive (Ingest).

<sup>c</sup> The OAIS places "Add Descriptive Information" under Ingest. However, we have broken out description as its own function, in order to recognize that it can be done at many points in the information lifecycle. It is not only a part of the ingest process.

<sup>d</sup> This is at a higher level of abstraction than both Data Management and Archival Storage. It ensures that the data associated with Content Information that is addressed in Data Management, Archival Storage and Access is sufficiently detailed, complete, and accurate. Note that Representation Information is considered part of the Content Information, and it is addressed primarily in Preservation Planning and Implementation below.

<sup>e</sup> This can happen at any time in the lifecycle. However, when the analysis is carried out while the materials are still in their creation environment, there is substantial overlap with: 20. Analysis and Evaluation of Producer Information Environments.

<sup>f</sup> See also the Linking/resolution service in Data Management, which ensures that object identifiers can always be resolved to specific locations in storage.

<sup>g</sup> This includes both what the OAIS calls Preservation Description Information and Associated Description.

<sup>h</sup> According to the OAIS, “The Packaging Information is that information which, either actually or logically, binds, identifies and relates the Content Information and PDI.” (2-6) We have broken this out as a separate sub-function, because establishing and managing PI involves a set of activities that are quite distinct from establishing and managing DI and PDI.
| 9. Archival Storage^7 | Services and functions used for the storage and retrieval of Archival Information Packages | • Versioning^56  
| | | • Disaster planning, preparation and response^58  
| | | • Ensuring sufficient redundancy of copies  
| | | • Error checking^59  
| | | • Holdings maintenance^60  
| | | • Management of storage hierarchy^61  
| | | • Providing data^62  
| | | • Receive data^63  
| | | • Replacement of media^64 |

| 10. Management^65 | Activities of the actor(s) who sets overall Archive mandate, policy and resources as one component in a broader domain of activity. | • Creation or approval of repository service definition^66  
| | | • Definition or approval of archives mission, objectives and goals^67  
| | | • Definition or approval of high-level policies^68  
| | | • Fund raising^69  
| | | • Mandate and guidance for resource utilization^70 |

| 11. Administration^71 | Services and functions needed to control the operation of the other functional entities on a day-to-day basis. | • Activation of requests^72  
| | | • Archival information update^73  
| | | • Assign responsibilities^1  
| | | • Budgeting and resource allocation^74  
| | | • Communications^75  
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| | | • Managing relationships between Administration and Management^85  
| | | • Monitoring and proof of compliance with standards, policies and rules^86  
| | | • Monitor changes in warrant^87 |

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1 This related to, but distinct from, human resources activities that ensure that the right people have been hired for particular jobs. Assign responsibilities is a more high-level function that ensures all tasks have been assigned to someone and to the right types of individuals or groups (e.g. those with appropriate credentials, job rank, security clearances).

2 This is very similar to what other literature calls "Customer Relationship Management," which is the capture, management and effective use of information about customers and their interactions with the organization in question. This function does not include activities otherwise addressed in the following three other functions: Communication; Reference and User Support Services; Monitor Designated Community.

3 This relates to internal standards and conventions. Participation in broader standards development falls under 19. Advocacy and Outreach.

4 Defined as “Taking initiative, making things happen through the effective action of others” [Mahmoodi, 1991], leadership can be enacted in the process of carrying out various functions. However, it also includes some distinct activities that warrant their own category.

5 This is analogous to Monitor Technology and Monitor Designated Community. However, the target of monitoring is the set of requirements (either within the archival institution or the larger environment) that pertain to the archive. For example, a change in FOIA within the U.S. will imply changes to many parts of the archive's operations. The concept of "warrant" comes from the Pittsburgh project to define the functional requirements for evidence in recordkeeping. See: Duff, Wendy. "Harnessing the Power of Warrant." American Archivist 61 (1998): 88-105.
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<sup>8</sup> This sub-function involves the aggregation of potential DIPs or resources for generating potential DIPs. It includes many aspects of information architecture. In contrast to "Description, Organization and Intellectual Control" above, this sub-function relates specifically to how information is labeled, brought together and presented within particular access environments.

<sup>9</sup> In our functional breakdown, processing and creating derivative digital objects is part of "Transformation of digital objects/packages" not Access.

<sup>p</sup> Much of the value added by a user can be incorporated into the Description function (e.g. user annotations, user tagging of content). However, users can also add services that are incorporated into other functions.
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• Operating system services \(^{115}\)  
• Security services \(^{116}\) |
| 17. Destruction and Removal \(^{117}\) | | • Destruction \(^{118}\) |
| 18. Collaboration, Coordination and Contracting with External Actors \(^{119}\) | | • Conflict resolution involving Producers, Consumers and Archives \(^{120}\)  
• Establishment of succession, contingency or escrow arrangements with external actors \(^{121}\)  
• Identifying, establishing and coordinating specific types of collaborative relationships with other Archives  
• Management of agreements \(^{122}\)  
• Negotiation and maintenance of effective relations with external actors \(^{123}\)  
• Sourcing \(^{124}\) |
| 19. Advocacy and Outreach \(^{125}\) | Activities aimed at influencing systems or behavior outside of the Archive. | • Standards development \(^{7}\)  
• Negotiation for resources \(^{126}\)  
• Outreach and public programming \(^{127}\)  
• Understanding and promoting Archive’s role within the larger institutional context \(^{128}\)  
• Engagement with local community \(^{129}\) |
| 20. Analysis and Evaluation of Producer Information Environment \(^{9}\) | This is often done in relation to known benchmarks or standards. It includes assessments of recordkeeping systems and authenticity of documents within those systems. It can also include the analysis of work practices within the producer environment. Focus can be at level of organization/institution, information system (e.g. recordkeeping system), collection, or individual items. | • Assessment of business activity \(^{130}\)  
• Assessment of existing systems \(^{131}\)  
• Identification of digital curation requirements in production environment \(^{132}\)  
• Preliminary Investigation |
| 21. Analysis and Characterization of Digital Objects/Packages \(^{133}\) | | • Characterization of digital objects within information package \(^{134}\)  
• Characterization of information package |

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\(^{9}\) Common Services plays a unique role both within the OAIS and within this taxonomy of functions. It includes a set of underlying technical services that are necessary for successful digital curation but are carried out by someone else (not directly by a digital curation professional). It is very important for digital curators to be aware – at least at a basic level – of what the Common Services are, how they relate to each other, and some of the most viable ways for them to be provided. (e.g. in order to evaluate, supervise and contract for the services). However, Common Services are assumed, by definition, to fall outside the direct purview of digital curation. Whenever it would be important for a digital curator to know how to actually carry out or provide a service him/herself, it should be elaborated in one of the other functions within this taxonomy. Note that all of the common services are addressed in detail in 5.2. Characteristic of Technologies, which is part of the Prerequisite Knowledge dimension of the DigCCurr “Matrix of Topics for Digital Curation Curriculum.”

\(^{1}\) This is engaging in standards development efforts with other organizations - e.g. within a consortium or standards development organization (SDO) - as opposed to setting of internal standards, which is part of Management or Administration.

\(^{s}\) This function addresses analysis and evaluating of the current Producer information environment. This function and its sub-functions are strongly influenced by the DIRKS (Designing and Implementing Record Keeping Systems) methodology. Efforts to change or influence that environment are addressed in Advocacy and Outreach above.
22. Validation and Quality Control of Digital Objects/Packages

Identify component parts and ensure everything expected is present (e.g. compare to included definition file, "packing list," negotiated agreement, selection criteria)

- Bitstream
- Check for viruses
- Digital Object
- Digital Object Components
- Information Package

23. Transformation of Digital Objects/Packages

24. Purchasing and Managing Licenses to Resources

- Establish archives intellectual property rights in support of preservation actions on digital objects

Meta-Level Functions (functions to be applied to any of the functions listed above)

25. Analysis and Documentation of Curation Functions

- Monitoring and logging
- Process mapping

26. Evaluation and Audit of Curation Functions

- Certification of the archive

27. Research and Development to Support Curation Functions

- Research methods
- Supporting and administering research and development
- Business process identification and analysis
- User needs analysis and usability assessment

28. Education and Sharing of Expertise or Guidance on Curation Functions

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13 On creation of electronic records that is authorized, see ISO 15489; on obtaining informed consent for production of digital objects that include personally identifying or otherwise sensitive data, see MacNeil, Heather. Without Consent: The Ethics of Disclosing Personal Information in Public Archives. Chicago, IL: Society of American Archivists and Scarecrow Press, 1992.
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See also Select Electronic Records [InterPARES]; "Disposition authorities that govern the removal of records from operational systems should be applied to records on a systematic and routine basis."[ISO 15489]


See also Carry out Disposition of Electronic Records [InterPARES]; Implementing Disposition [ISO 15489-1:2001, p.19]

See also Monitor Appraised Electronic Records [InterPARES]; “Evaluation” in Evans and Saponaro, 2005.

See also “Information Needs Assessment” and “” in Evans and Saponaro, 2005.

See also Compile Information about Electronic Records [InterPARES]; Appraise Electronic Records [InterPARES]; Assess Value of Electronic Records [InterPARES]; Determine Value of Electronic Records [InterPARES]; Determine the Record Elements to be Preserved [InterPARES]; Identify the Digital Components to Preserve [InterPARES]; B1.1 Repository identifies properties it will preserve for each class of digital object. [Audit Checklist]

This includes establishment of operational selection criteria, e.g. content, extent and timing/frequency (Brown, Adrian. Archiving Websites: A Practical Guide for Information Management Professionals. London: Facet, 2006, p.33-39); see also Make Appraisal Decision [InterPARES]; “Selection Process in Practice” in Evans and Saponaro, 2005.


See also 4-b: Metadata, cataloging, metadata markup, metadata harvesting [UNC-VT]

See also “Crawl Settings” and “Collection Settings” in Brown, 2006 (54-56).

See also Delivery and Capture [NEDLIB]


Put [Pathways Core]. For sources related to sub-functions, see also B1.3 Repository has an identifiable, written definition for each SIP or class of information ingested by the repository. [Audit Checklist]; Prepare Electronic Records for Transfer [InterPARES].


Adapted from Assigning preservation levels based on policies [Portico]; see also Check Format and Preservation Level [Portico].

See also Load into Archive [Portico]; B1.9 Repository can demonstrate when preservation responsibility is formally accepted for the contents of the SIP. [Audit Checklist]; Part B6: Formally Accession, Glick, Kevin, and Eliot Wilczek. "Ingest Guide." Tufts University and Yale University, 2006 [Ingest Guide].

OAIS.

See also B1.5. Verification, analysis and creation of metadata. [Audit Checklist]

Adapted from Match content with contracts (agreements) [Portico]; see also Check Agreement ID [Portico].
See also B1.7 Repository provides Producer/depositor with appropriate responses at predefined points during the ingest processes. [Audit Checklist]; Acknowledge receipt [NDIIPP Life Cycle].

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[Audit Checklist] B2.4. See also B2.5 If unique identifiers are associated with SIPS before ingest, they are preserved in a way that maintains a persistent association with the resultant AIP. [Audit Checklist]; Part A6: Assess Identifier Rules [Ingest Guide]

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See also Module 4: Info / Knowledge Organization (includes 4-a: Information architecture (e.g., hypertext, hypermedia); 4-b: Metadata, cataloging, metadata markup, metadata harvesting; 4-c: Ontologies, classification, categorization; 4-d: Subject description, vocabulary control, thesauri, terminologies; 4-e: Object description and organization for a specific domain); 7-a: Search engines, IR, indexing methods [UNC-VT]; Compile Evidence Supporting the Presumption of Authenticity [InterPARES]; Generate Descriptive Information [OAIS] (Part of Ingest); "Information structuring and architecture" in Abell, Angela. "Skills for Knowledge Environments." Information Management Journal 34, no. 3 (2000): 33-38, 40, 41; Generate Descriptive Metadata [Portico]; Generate Technical Metadata [Portico].

See “Analyze the existing arrangement and description of records and papers and make decisions about any further arrangement and description that may be necessary.” Handbook for Certified Archivists. Albany, NY: Academy of Certified Archivists. 2006. [ACA]


See also-d: Document and e-publishing/presentation markup; 6-d: Interaction design, info summarization and visualization, usability assessment [UNC-VT]; Stein, Adelheit. "Collaboratory for Annotation, Indexing and Retrieval of Digitized Historical Archive Material: COLLATE," European Commission, 2004. For PDI, see especially PREMIS and PorticoMETS.


Adapted from [Portico].

See “Design and implement an arrangement plan to either perfect the existing arrangement or establish a new one.”; "Design and implement a descriptive plan to identify and explain the structure, context and content of records and papers to promote their accessibility." [ACA]

See also 6-d: Interaction design, info summarization and visualization, usability assessment [UNC-VT].

See also "Where multiple versions of a document may be stored, a policy is required which ensures that all relevant versions are stored, and their relationships maintained." Electronic imaging -- Information stored electronically -- Recommendations for trustworthiness and reliability. ISO/TR 15801:2004.

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Adapted from OAIS. See also "The organization should have policies regarding the use of specific types of media for different information storage requirements (e.g. access requirements, retention periods, and security requirements." [ISO 15801].

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Adapted from OAIS.

OAIS. See also 9. Management and Evaluation [UNC-VT].

See also Project management [Abell, 2000]; Module 9-a: Project Management [UNC/VT Digital Library Curriculum]; A1.1 Repository has a mission statement that reflects a commitment to the long-term retention of, management of, and access to digital information on behalf of depositors. [Audit Checklist]; "Develops and communicates mission, roles, and functions of the library." [Mahmoodi, 1991]

See also and “Determines, or at least endorse, pricing policies, as applicable, for OAIS services.” [OAIS]

For discussion of fundraising approaches and sub-functions, see Finch, Elsie T. Freeman, ed. Advocating Archives: An Introduction to Public Relations for Archivists. Metuchen, NJ: SAA and Scarecrow Press, 1994; Cassarchis, Cathrin. "An Introduction to Fundraising for Archives." National Council on Archives. http://www.ncaonline.org.uk/materials/fundraising.pdf. See also A4.5 Repository recognizes the eventual strong possibility of a gap between repository-generated funding and the funding necessary to meet the repository’s commitments to its depositors. It commits to bridging these gaps by securing funding and resource commitments specifically for that purpose; these commitments can come either from the repository itself or parent organizations, as applicable. [Audit Checklist]; "Understands the resources available via state, national and international library networks."; Fund Raising Skills; "Has effective public relations skills to actively pursue funding." "Be involved in fundraising efforts and in exploring alternate funding sources." "Develops and writes proposals for state, local, federal and private funds." [Mahmoodi, 1991].

See also “Provide guidelines for resource utilization (personnel, equipment, facilities)” [OAIS]

OAIS. See also 9. Management and Evaluation [UNC-VT]; "Develops strategies, tasks, and schedules to meet goals and objectives."; "Sets organizational priorities."; "Selects management structure appropriate to the activity." "Organize library into operational units" [Mahmoodi, 1991]; Part 1 - Management Principles and the Records and Information Management (RIM) Program. Main functions defined as: planning, organizing, directing, controlling, staffing [ICRM]; "Program management leads the acquisition, development, and deployment of an ERA system that provides the capability for preservation, management, and sustained access to electronic records." [ERA Functional Area].

Adapted from OAIS.

OAIS.

See also "Understands taxing and funding for public libraries."; "Prepares a budget to implement the goals and objectives of an organization."; "Allocates resources (material, financial, personnel)."; "Fiscal management"; "Prepare budgets: annual, operating, facilities"; LIFE and Espida projects; "Uses cost analysis techniques" and "Monitor and control expenditures" [Mahmoodi, 1991]; 9-e: Cost/economic issues [UNC-VT]; 9-a: Decision-making [ICRM]; "Integrates external policies and administrative regulations, e.g. A.D.A., civil service" [Mahmoodi, 1991]


Several sub-functions are derived from [Audit Checklist], [Mahmoodi, 1991], and [Finch, 1994]. See also "Develops and administers personnel policies and procedures."; "Interprets local, state and national laws and regulations concerning personnel, e.g., workers compensation, equal employment opportunity, social security, retirement plans." "Personnel management and development" [Mahmoodi, 1991]

See also "Committed to meeting performance standards, (such as output, service, individual)." [Mahmoodi, 1991]; [ISO 17799] (for security policies)


Adapted from OAIS. See also Configuration Management - Configuration management provides for consistent identification of system components (software configuration items, hardware configuration items, and documentation) and controls changes to these components throughout the life cycle. [ERA Functional Area]; A4.4 Repository has ongoing commitment to risk, benefit, investment, and expenditure analysis and reporting (including assets, licenses, and liabilities). [Audit Checklist] Business continuity management in [ISO 17799]
See also "Understands the roles and responsibilities of library board members and develops the board to make effective decisions in policy, planning, and financial issues." "Board relations and development"; "Prepare documents for board: reports, draft agreements, requests for action, policies, etc"; "Make recommendations for action"; "Implement decisions for board"; "Provide learning opportunities to develop boards as effective decision makers" [Mahmoodi, 1991]; Part 1, E.5. Management Support and Program Marketing [ICRM]

See also Quality Management - Quality management establishes a framework for ERA's compliance with accepted industry and NARA standards and supports delivery of products and services that meet ERA requirements. [ERA Functional Area]; Audit Submission [OAIS]; A5.3 Repository tracks and manages copyrights and restrictions on use as required by contract or license [Audit Checklist].

See also "Recognizes changes in the economic and political environment that mandate change in the library."; "Keeps up-to-date with conditions, developments, and future trends in the library and information field." [Mahmoodi, 1991] This function and numerous sub-functions adapted from “Plan” in [NDIIPP Life Cycle]. See also “A4.1 Repository has short- and long-term business planning processes in place to support sustainability”; “A4.2 Repository has in place at least annual processes to review and adjust business plans as necessary.” [Audit Checklist]; "Uses appropriate planning techniques." "Long-range, short-range, and strategic planning"; "Maintain planning cycle"; "Monitor progress"; "Coordinate planning efforts of staff and board" and “Integrate program design with planning” [Mahmoodi, 1991]


See also A3.1 Repository has a mechanism in place for reviewing, updating, and developing comprehensive policies and procedures as repositories grow and as the community practice evolves. [Audit Checklist]

Adapted from [ERA Functional Area]. See also Change management [Abell, 2000]; “Recognizes the need for change in organizational structure,” “Implements plans and organizational changes,” and "Initiates, implements, and manages change." [Mahmoodi, 1991]


See also 5-f: Security [UNC-VT].

See also “Uses mathematical and statistical techniques to manipulate data.” [Mahmoodi, 1991]

Adapted from “Preservation Planning” in OAIS.

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101 Adapted from A233 in [InterPARES].

102 OAIS. See also User Behavior/Interactions (includes 6-a: Info needs, relevance; 6-b: Search strategy, info seeking behavior, user modeling; 6-c: Sharing, networking, interchange (e.g., social); 6-d: Interaction design, info summarization and visualization, usability assessment); 7-a: Search engines, IR, indexing methods; 7-d: Routing, community filtering 7-e: Web publishing (e.g., wiki, rss, Moodle, etc.) [UNC-VT]; Packaging and Delivery [NEDLIB]


104 Adapted from OAIS.

105 Adapted from Expose [Pathways Project]. See also Announce Availability [ICPSR]

106 See also 4-a: Information architecture (e.g., hypertext, hypermedia) [UNC-VT]; "The repository maintains two data files, one containing the raw data and the other containing the data in a public use or disclosure-free format. Personal information is processed so that the specific individuals to whom it relates cannot be identified and thus the information can be released for general research use." [MacNeil, 1992, p.134].

107 Adapted from OAIS. For a sub-function related to Anonymizing or de-identifying data, see MacNeil, 1992; Hedstrom, Margaret L. "Privacy, Computers, and Research Access to Confidential Information." Midwesten Archivist 6, no. 1 (1981): 5-18.

108 See also 6-c: Sharing, networking, interchange (e.g., social); 6-d: Interaction design, info summarization and visualization, usability assessment [UNC-VT]; Packaging and Delivery [NEDLIB].

Adapted from Pugh, Mary Jo. Providing Reference Services for Archives and Manuscripts, 111-47. Chicago, IL: Society of American Archivists, 2005

110 Sub-functions are adapted from Pugh, 2005.

111 Sub-functions are adapted from Pugh, 2005. See also 7-c: Recommender systems [UNC-VT].

112 OAIS. See also 5. Architecture (agents, mediators) [UNC-VT].

113 OAIS.

114 OAIS.

115 OAIS. See also 5-f: Security [UNC-VT].


117 Adapted from [ISO 15489]


119 Adapted from [Mahmoodi, 1991] Several sub-functions are derived from the OAIS, Section 6.1.

119 (Under Management) [OAIS]. See also "Confronts and manages conflict." [Mahmoodi, 1991].

120 Adapted from: “A1.2 Repository has a formal succession plan, contingency plans, and/or escrow arrangements in place in case the repository ceases to operate or substantially changes its scope.” [Audit Checklist]

121 Sub-functions derived from [Audit Checklist], [OAIS], and [Mahmoodi, 1991].

122 See also “Negotiates and maintains effective relations with unions.” [Mahmoodi, 1991]


124 See also "Lobbies effectively for libraries with national, state, and local officials."; "Prepares the library board for its role in representing the library and lobbying." [Mahmoodi, 1991]; Persuasion [Abell, 2000]

125 Adapted from [Abell, 2000]. See also "Negotiates the best possible resources for the library in any given situation."; "Uses negotiating techniques appropriate to the situation (e.g., one-on-one, vendor, union)." And “Relates library needs and goals to those of funding officials and agencies.” [Mahoodi, 1991]


127 Adapted from: “Understands and promotes the library's role within the larger governmental organization.” [Mahmoodi, 1991]

128 See also "Is committed to public service including a commitment for the library to share, cooperate, and collaborate with other educational, cultural, and social agencies serving the community."; "Community involvement and representing library (marketing)”; "Increase visibility of library"; "Participate in meetings and activities of organizations within the community"; "Represent library with other governmental units and boards"; "Participate in professional organizations and the local professional community”; "Maintain relations with Friends of the Library and other volunteer groups" [Mahmoodi, 1991]

129 Adapted from "DIRKS [Designing and Implementing Record Keeping Systems]: A Strategic Approach to Managing Business Information." National Archives of Australia, 2001. [DIRKS]

130 [DIRKS] Several sub-functions derived from [InterPARES]. See also Assess Recordkeeping System, Part A9 of [Ingest Guide]

131 Adapted from “Identification of recordkeeping requirements” [DIRKS]

132 See also Characterization of SIP [OAIS] (Part of Ingest); Characterization (including Identification, Validation and Property Extraction) in Brown, 2006 (113-115).


134 Adapted from B1.6 of [Audit Checklist]. See also “The Quality Assurance function validates (QA results) the successful transfer of the SIP to the staging area. For digital submissions, these mechanisms might include Cyclic Redundancy Checks (CRCs) or checksums associated with each data file, or the use of system log files to record and identify any file transfer or media read/write errors.” [OAIS]; Conduct Quality Assurance [NDIIPP Life Cycle] (Part of Produce); Verify technical integrity [NDIIPP Life Cycle] (Part of Produce); Assess and assert quality [NDIIPP Life Cycle] (Part of Produce); “Quality assurance and cataloging” in Brown, 2006 (69-81). See JHOVE documentation for further breakdown of sub-functions.
See also “Validate checksums” [Portico].

See also Validate Asset Inventory [Portico].

See also 2-c (8-c): File formats, transformation, migration [UNC-VT]. See also in [Audit Checklist]: A3. Procedural accountability & policy framework - "A repository must provide clear and explicit documentation of its requirements, decisions, development, and actions to ensure long-term access to digital content in its care."; A3.4 Repository has a documented history of the changes to its operations, procedures, software, and hardware, traceable to its preservation strategies where appropriate; A3.6 Repository commits to define, collect, track, and provide, on demand, its information integrity measurements; Brodie, Michael L., and Michael Stonebraker. Migrating Legacy Systems: Gateways, Interfaces & the Incremental Approach. San Francisco, CA: Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 1995.


See also A5.2 Repository’s contracts or deposit agreements specify and/or transfer appropriate preservation rights, as necessary. [Audit Checklist]


Steenbakkers, Johan F. "Treasuring the Digital Records of Science: Archiving E-Journals at the Koninklijke Bibliotheek." RLG DigiNews 8, no. 2 (2004). See also Module 9-c: DL Evaluation [UNC/VT Digital Library Curriculum]; 10.2. Conduct regular review process to evaluate OAIS performance and progress toward long-term goals. (Under Management) [OAIS]; A3.3 Repository is committed to formal, periodic review and assessment to ensure continued development. [Audit Checklist]; "Ensure evaluation of services and programs" [Mahmoodi, 1991]

See also A3.7 Repository commits to a regular schedule of certification and to notifying certifying bodies of operational changes that will change or nullify its certification status. [Audit Checklist]

See also 9. Management and Evaluation (including 9-c: DL evaluation, user studies; 9-d: Bibliometrics, Webometrics) [UNC-VT]; "Understands and is able to use social science research methods to support the decision making process." [Mahmoodi, 1991].

See also Abell, 2000.


"6-d: Interaction design, info summarization and visualization, usability assessment" in [UNC-VT]

For an early discussion of the importance of these functions within a data archive, see: Bisco, 1966.