

# Getting on Target:

## Collaborative Solutions to Digitization for College Library Special Collections

### Local

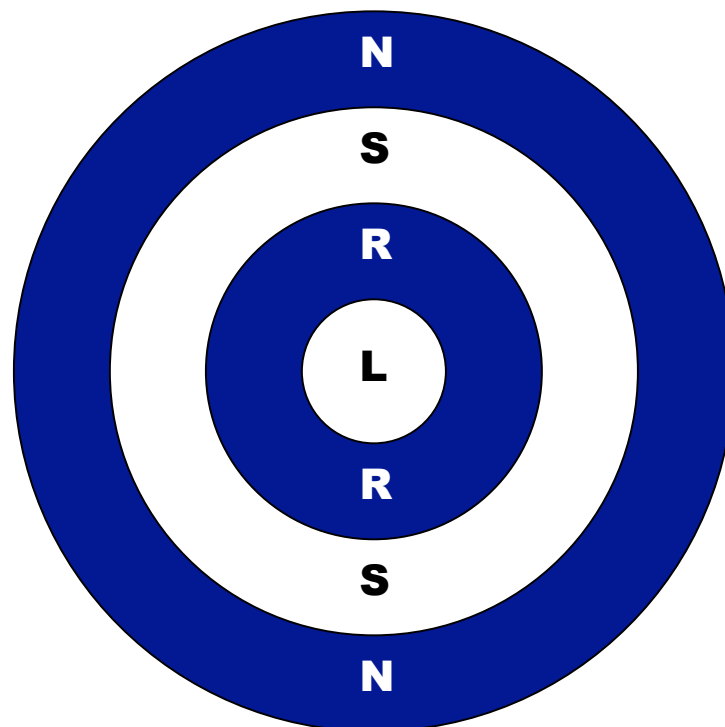
- Seek sources of non-traditional institutional funding (e.g. Alumni Affairs, Office of the President, Athletics, Facilities & Operations).
- Consider creating a local digital cooperative if none exists – talk to colleagues to gauge interest/viability of collections at local historical societies, museums, and religious organizations.

**Examples: Digitization of F&M Student Newspaper; Creation of Lancaster County Digitization Project (LCDP)**

### Regional

- Investigate “calls for content” from regional digital libraries.
- Attend/Present at regional digital conferences – meet other digital librarians, identify/discuss potential cooperative projects.
- Tour regional scanning centers and learn about available equipment, services, pricing, and personnel.

**Examples: Digitization of F&M Book of Hours through Lehigh University’s Digital Library of Illuminated Manuscripts; Tour of OCLC Preservation Services**



### State

- Does a cooperative digitization program already exist in your state? If so, what metadata and technical standards do they follow? Are there specific fees or software requirements to join?
- Join statewide library or museum committees involved in digitization

**Examples: F&M invited to join PA Advisory Committee on Collaborative Digitization (OCLC/Palinet); F&M becomes member of AccessPA – given access to CONTENTdm License and AccessPA Digital Repository**

### National

- Learn about current/future digitization pilot projects and get involved! Talk with national library networks, vendors, and professional associations.
- Identify research institutions with similar subject collections and explore possible cooperative projects.

**Examples: F&M invited to join OCLC Content Cooperative Pilot Project; Audio Digitization of PA German folksongs through the Max Kade Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Be Proactive -- Talk to Established Digital Libraries -- Identify Existing Cooperatives -- Volunteer for Pilot Projects & Committees  
-- Take Tours -- Interview Vendors -- Explore Internal Funding Opportunities -- Collaborate on a Single Format or Subject Area

**Take the Collaborative Digitization Questionnaire!**

<http://library.fandm.edu/ACRL>

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