

# Data Management at the University of Iowa

Reports from the Data Management Survey  
and the E-Science Institute Team

*NDSA Content Working Group*

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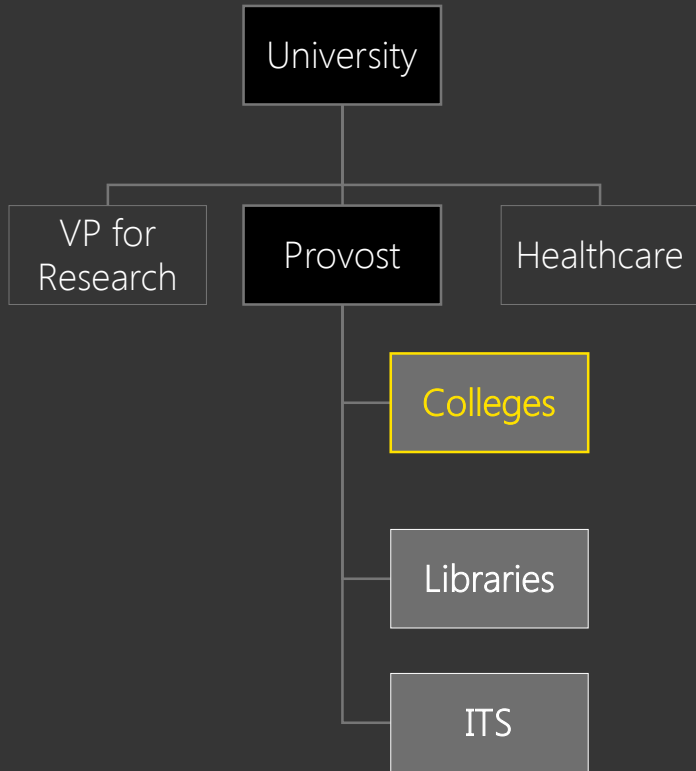
# Chapter I

Data Management Survey in context

# E-Research \*well\* studied

1. E-Research Core Group
2. E-Research Task Force
3. E-Research Task Force II
4. E-Research Executive Committee
5. Public Access Policy Committee
6. Data Management Survey
7. E-Science Institute Team

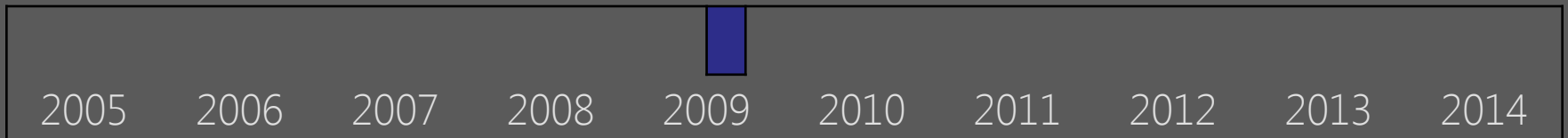
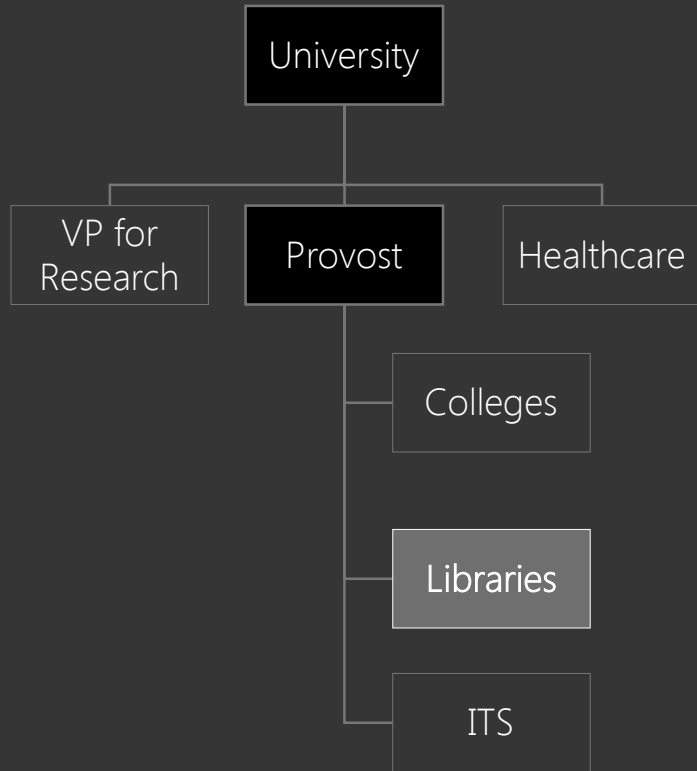
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- Director, ITS Research Services
- Professor, Coll. of Engineering
- Curator, School of Art & Art History
- Director of Research Computing, IIHR
- Assoc. University Librarian

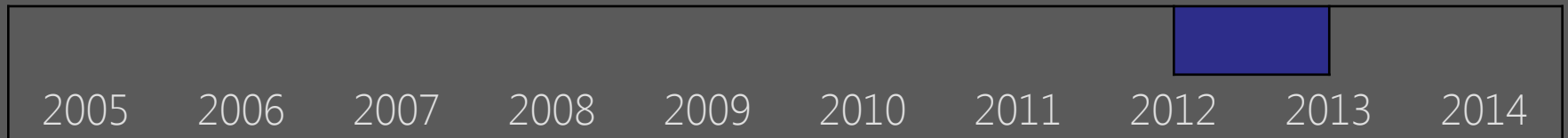
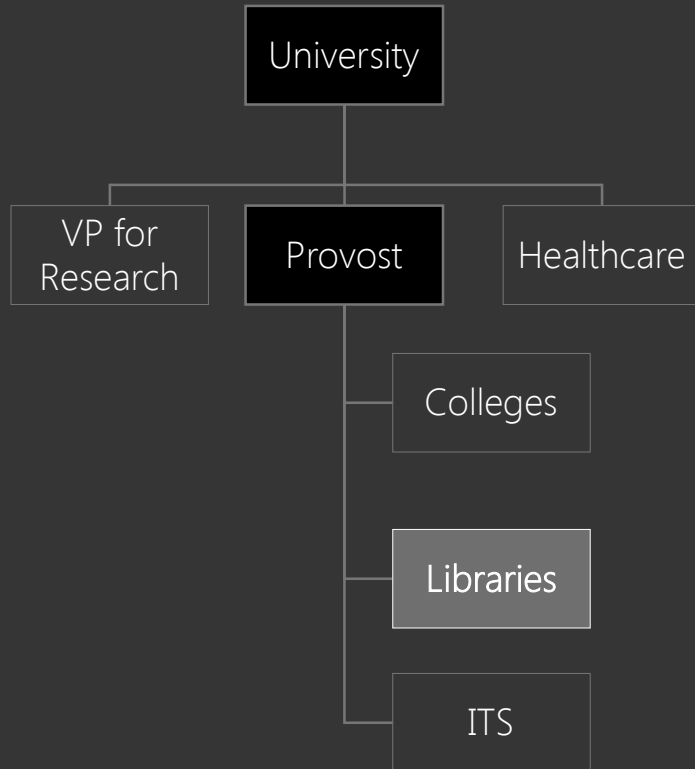
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- University Libraries Task Force

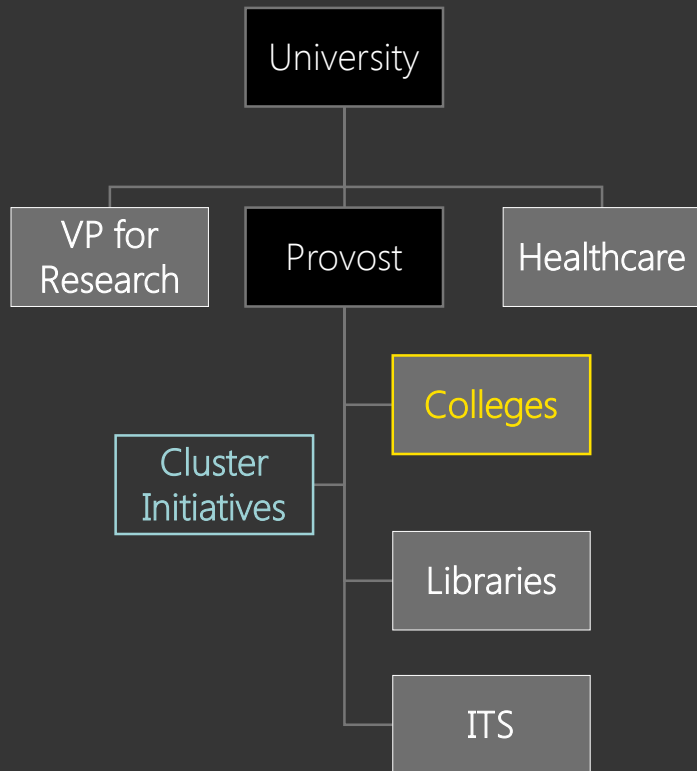


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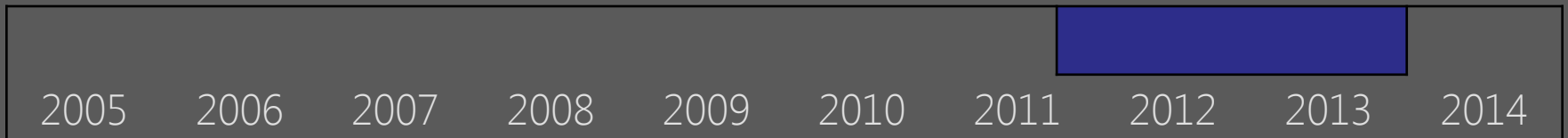
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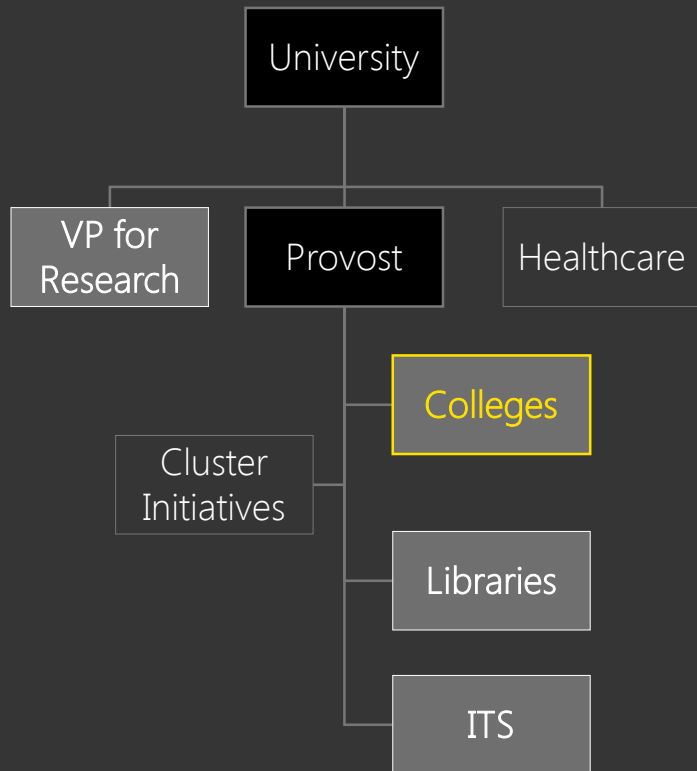
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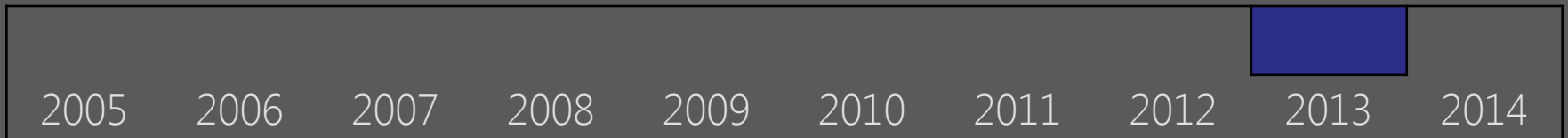
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- CIO, Health Care Info Systems
- [Director, Informatics Initiative](#)
- Director, ITS Research Services
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# 5. Public Access Policy Committee

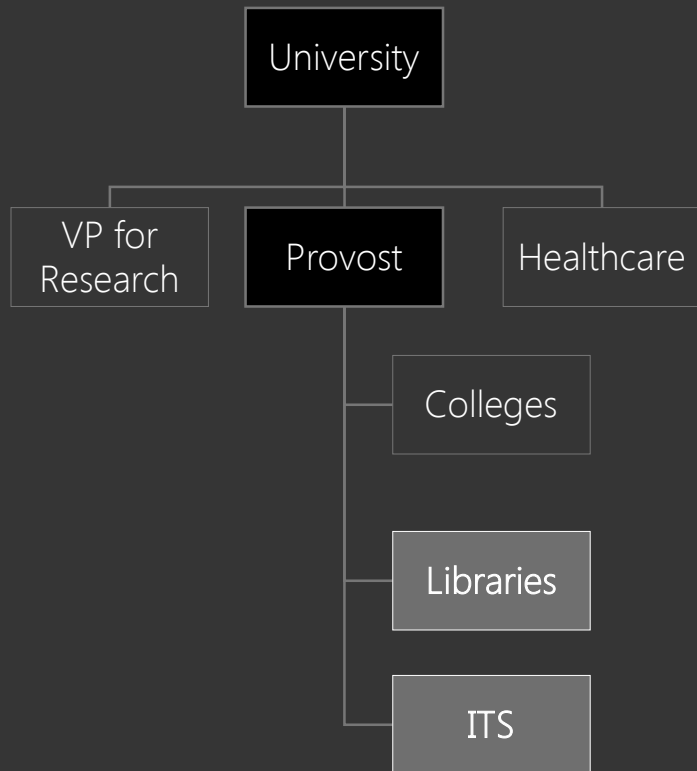


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- Director, Sponsored Programs
- Deputy General Counsel
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## 6. Data Management Survey



- Director, ITS Research Services
- Data Services Librarian
- Health Sciences Librarian



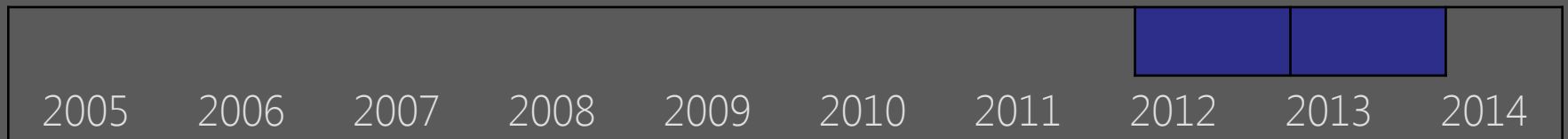
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## Data Management Needs Assessment

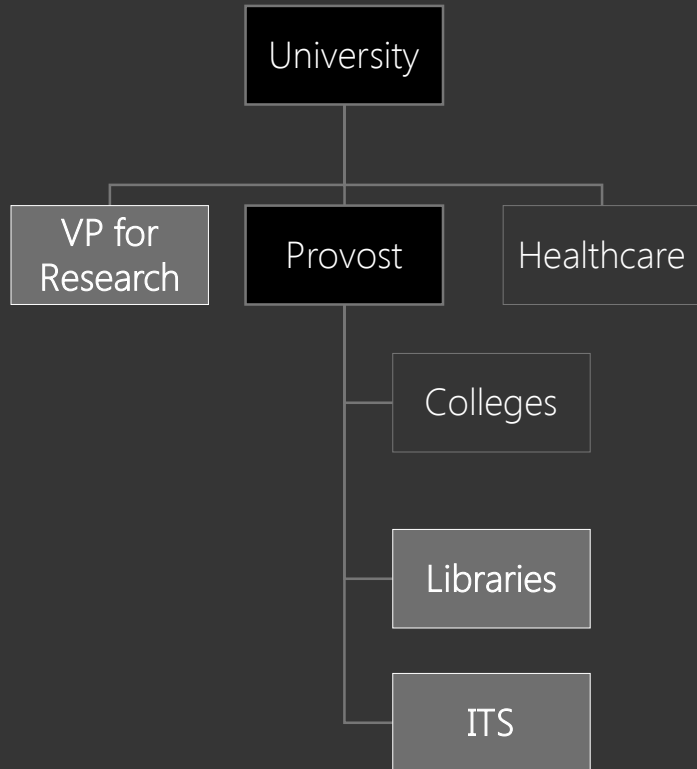


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February 28, 2014

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## 7. E-Science Institute Team



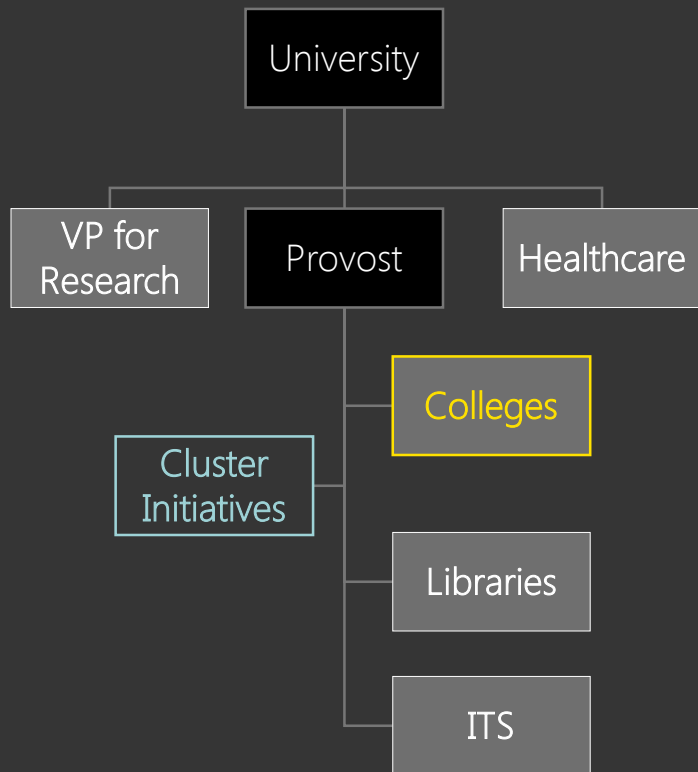
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- Sciences Librarian
- Director, Research Information Systems



Report forthcoming



# Informatics Services Committee



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- Director, Digital Studio for Public A&H
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- Assoc. Dean, Coll. of Lib. Arts & Sci.
- Professor, Coll. of Engineering
- Professor, Coll. of Lib. Arts & Sci.
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# Chapter II

Primary takeaways from Data Management Survey  
and E-Science Institute Team reports

# Data Management Survey

## KEY FINDINGS

1. Data Management Planning
2. Data Storage
3. Data Organization and Analysis
4. Data Publishing and Dissemination
5. Sensitive Data and Compliance

# Data Management Survey

KEY FINDING 1 OF 5

## 1. Data Management Planning

- Initial survey: need better campus DMP support, ...  
... but, different sentiment in follow-up interviews
- Mandates (OSTP, etc.) indicate some level of service would be beneficial

# Data Management Survey

KEY FINDING 2 OF 5

## 2. Data Storage

- Lack of adequate centrally managed storage to meet researchers' needs
- NOTE: ITS has subsequently launched robust research data storage service

# Data Management Survey

KEY FINDING 3 OF 5

## 3. Data Organization and Analysis

- Common themes: need for early career training, need for software tools, need for support staff
- Practices are highly dependent on discipline: difficult to generalize, probably not centralize



# Data Management Survey

KEY FINDING 4 OF 5

## 4. Data Publishing and Dissemination

- Desire and willingness to share with colleagues; opinions varied regarding general public
- Burden of preparing data for public consumption, risks of compliance, misinterpretation, etc.

# Data Management Survey

KEY FINDING 5 OF 5

## 5. Sensitive Data and Compliance

- More than 50% sensitive or confidential data: usually human subjects data
- Valueless for translational use when de-identified, plus risk of re-identification very high

# E-Science Institute Team

## RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

1. Cross-organizational team
  - Libraries, ITS, VPR, Informatics
2. Action items for Libraries *(for consideration)*
  - Embrace roles in order we're valued by discipline:  
buyer → gateway → repository → teaching → ...
  - Promote research literacy skills for student success
  - Support Informatics: liaisons, fellows, post-docs

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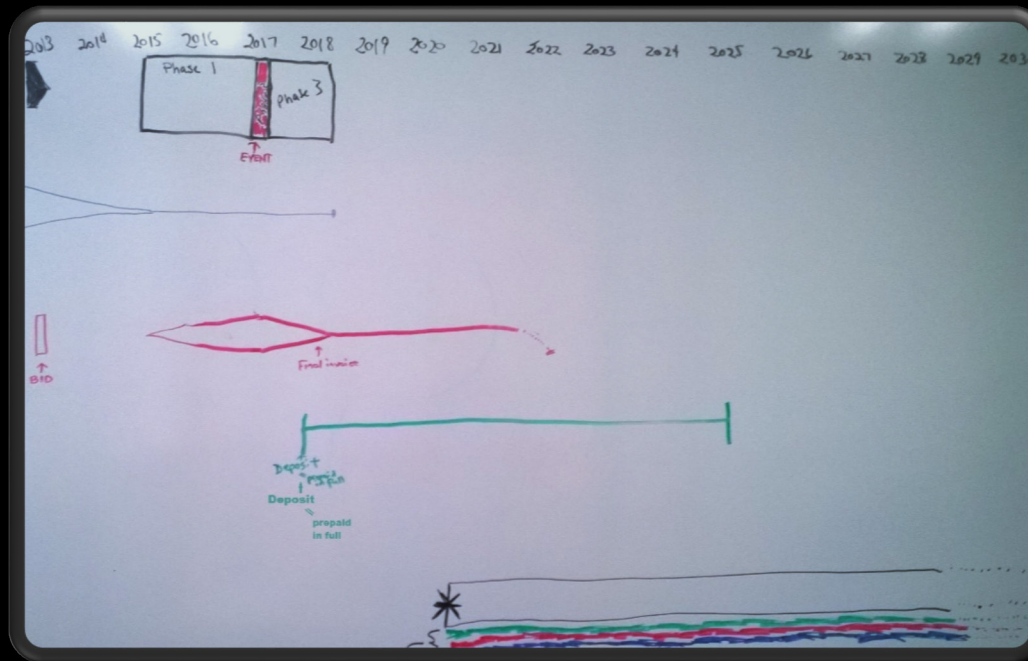
### Action items for repository role:

- Launch a data publishing service
  - Part of our suite of library publishing services
- Create a permanent institutional archive
  - Accession into institutional repository/university archives
- Ensure planned repository is data-ready
  - Consider data as one use case in planned Fedora/Hydra

# Chapter III

Using multiple **forecast horizons** to think through how a library manages access and preservation to data publications over time

# Is it a Gantt Chart or a Stockhausen Score?



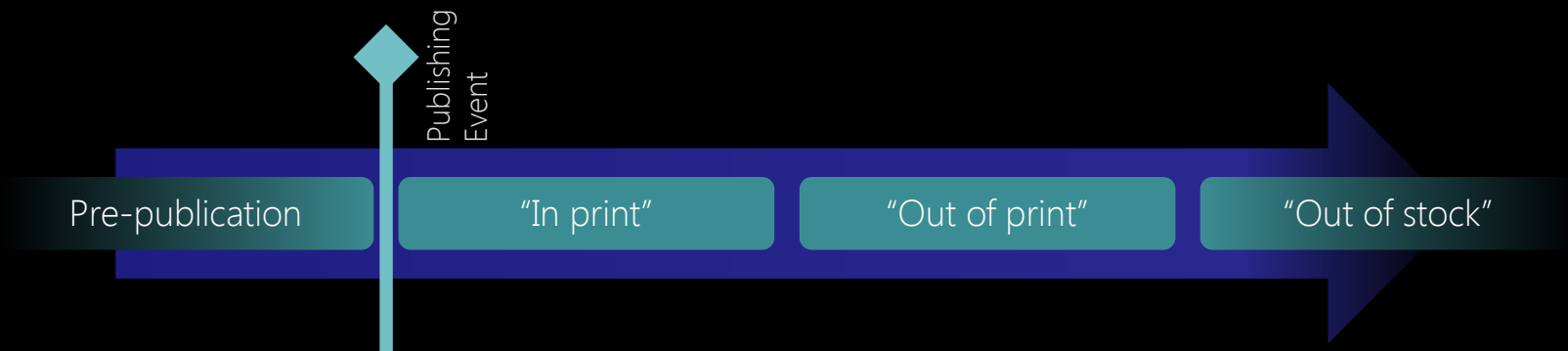
# Four Forecast Horizons

Looking at the same problem through multiple lenses  
Different roles, different motivations, different lifecycles, different horizons

- Publishing horizon
- Research administration horizon
- Collection management horizon
- Curated archives horizon

# Four Forecast Horizons

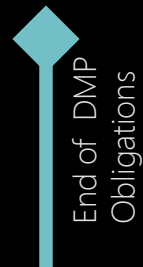
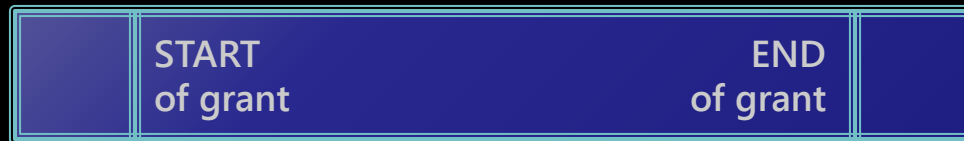
- Publishing horizon
  - Library as publisher (thru a university press lens)
  - Publication concept well understood, recognized
  - Publish=Public=Publication (*publicare*, to make public)





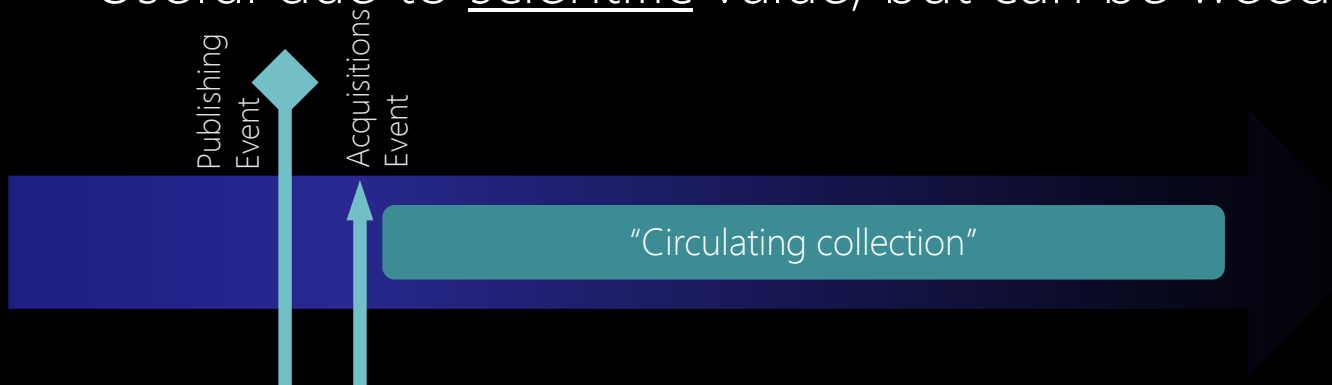
# Four Forecast Horizons

- Research administration horizon
  - Grants administrator (thru a records retention lens)
  - Funder mandates, legal requirements, etc.
  - A fiduciary duty, but a relatively small component of the entire research administration landscape



# Four Forecast Horizons

- Collection management horizon
  - Collection fund manager (thru a selector's lens)
  - Within scope of collection development policies
  - Useful due to scientific value, but can be weeded



# Four Forecast Horizons

- Curated archives horizon
  - Conserving digital artifacts (thru an archivist's lens)
  - Required to complete the historical record
  - Has passed test of time, useful for historic value

