

A Multi-Institutional Approach to Technical Report Literature

**Development of the
Technical Report Archive & Image Library**



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GL11 - Piecing It all Together

Charge

Develop a collaborative project with the Center for Research Libraries to identify, digitize, archive, and provide persistent and unrestricted access to federal technical reports issued prior to 1975.

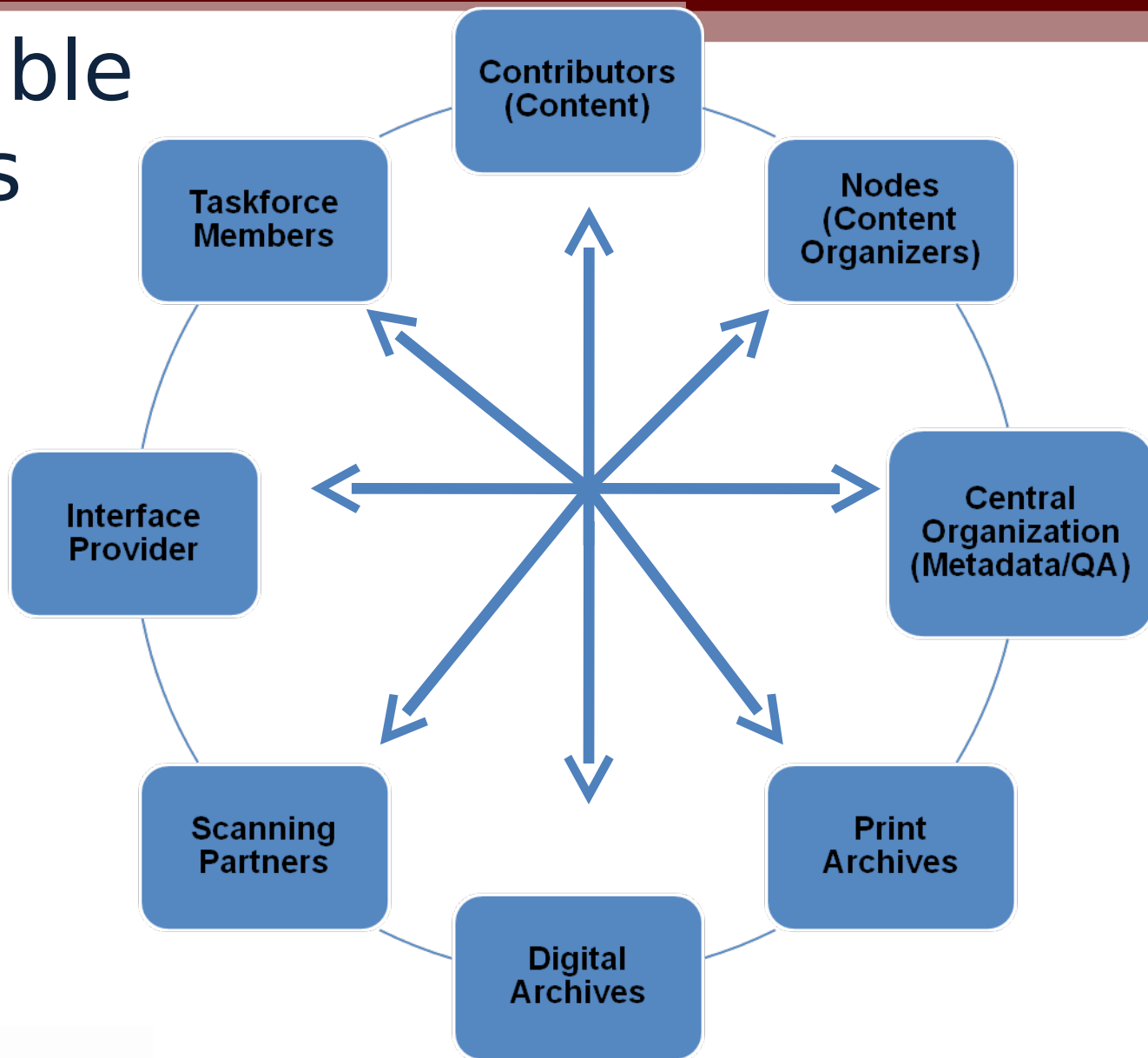
Collaborative Opportunities

- Center for Research Libraries (CRL)
- Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA)
 - Regional consortium of 33 members
 - Strategic direction for preservation
- Government Agencies

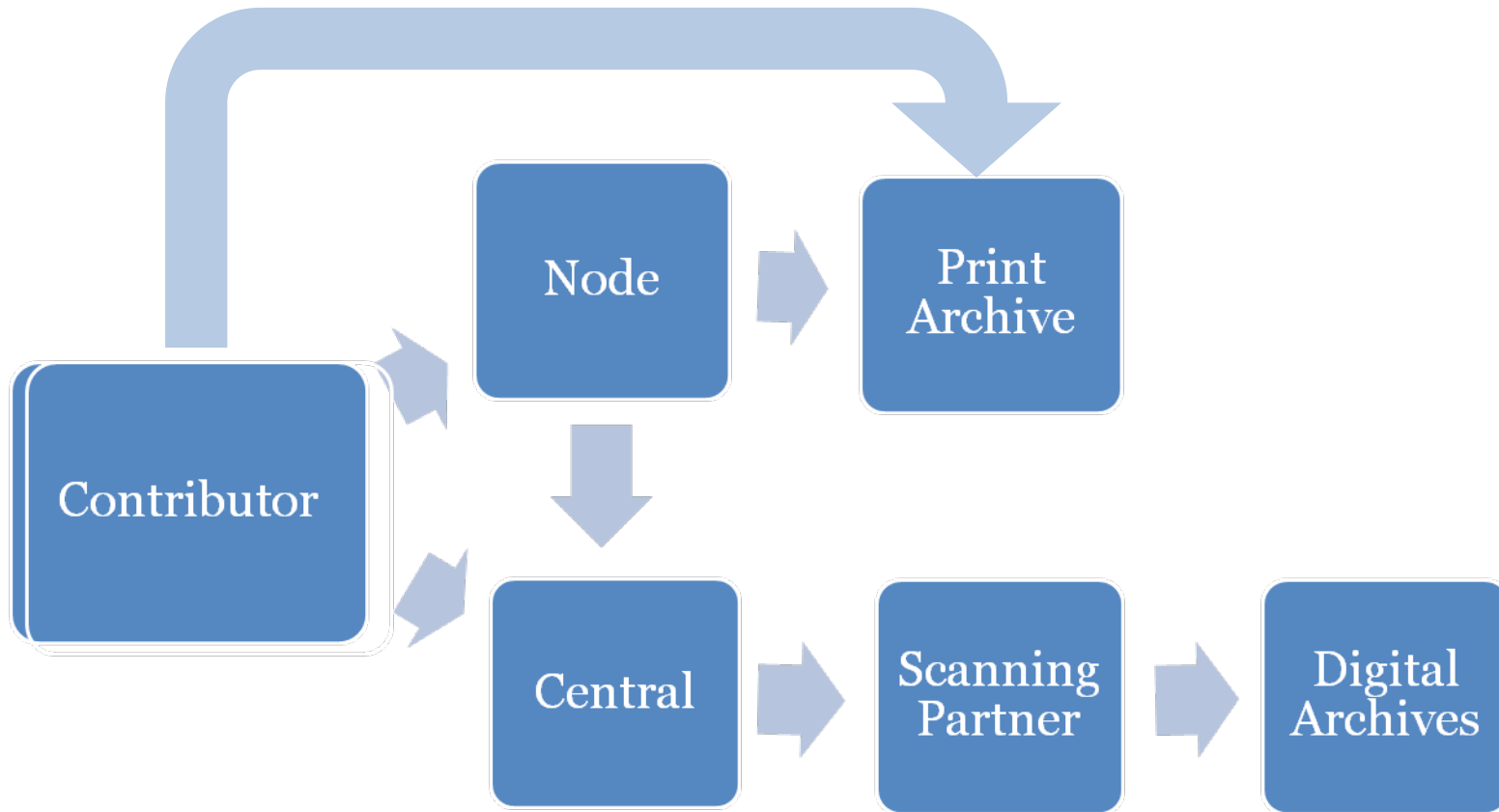
Libraries are changing

- Gift-cultures are one way to maximize our resources and expertise/specializations for the good of the community.
- This model can be achieved regardless of the number of participants, geographic location, collection scope, or member assets

Possible Roles



Process



Accomplishments

- Completed an inventory of all defunct federal agencies and report series that were issued by those agencies
- 17,575 page-views of the pilot site in the first year
- ~13,000 items cataloged & scanned; 1.2M pages scanned
- 254% Return on investment
- Establishing collection sets of MARC records in OCLC
- Print Archive
- Inventory control for all documents

Lessons

- Collaborations are economical, but they do have costs
- Match your institutions assets and capabilities to the identified needs
- Every institution has a different reason for participation; help each to be successful
- Create a shared vision & passion for the goal

 Need good project management

Lessons (cont.)

- Pragmatism rules
- Maximize use of the social network; develop trust
- Establish formal agreements to back-up your activities
- Seize opportunities; be flexible
- Can't wait for everything to be perfect &

in place

Questions?

TRAIL Project Info - <http://trail.gwla.org>

Pilot Site - <http://digicoll.manoa.hawaii.edu/techreports/>

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