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Response to Challenge 7 – Overcoming the vanity of preservation and access versus possession

Preservation and Responsible Custody

- Licensing costs—limited access
- Team communicate responsible custody—joint approach with librarians, catalogers, reference, and preservation departments
- Get comfortable with it—know your limits of responsibility
- Responsible custody; can't save everything
- Do the best you can for as long as you can and pass it along

Preservation and Access

- Decisions with no guarantee of the future
- Life cycle/costs; security; use policies
- Possession rights—minimal done until owned
- Need to find the balance between preservation and access
- User access is important, ownership is not
- Custody versus possession
- Define capabilities via teach approach
- Capabilities—professional arsenal?

Preservation and Selection/Appraisal

- Definitions are still important
- Conscious versus unconscious selection
- Making strategic selections in an environment where some may not understand the implications
- Preservation and archives can be competing; Priorities—non-competing but separate
- Make selection decisions for reasons other than access; selection, value, mission

Vanity

- Try to preserve for all time
- No silver bullet