From Projects to Programs

(For Better Projects)

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Digitization is significantly different from the scholarly and technical aspects of the other tasks.

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Digitization is separated from the process of creating specific projects

Deciding What to Digitize

Assign points based on the following criteria

- Topic
- Descriptive Level
- Conservation Status
- Copyright/Cultural Sensitivity Status

A Closer Look: Descriptive Layer

Points	Consideration
0	Collection or Series Level
1	Folder level, without easy-to-extend metadata
2	Folder level, with easy-to-extend metadata
3	Collection is described at the item level

A Closer Look:

Topic

Points	Consideration
0	Collection is not part of any topic specified
1	Collection is part of one topic
2	Collection is part of two topics
3	Collection is part of three or more topics

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All of That is to Say

Digitization, divorced from projects:

- Creates a wide pool from which to build new projects;
- Opens the door for projects we never thought of;

Thanks, and Mind the Snow

This is all still a work in progress.

For updates, or to offer suggestions, observations, criticisms or encouragement:

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