Spanning Our Field Boundaries: Mindfully Managing LAM Collaborations
theory

Mission alignment positions libraries, archives, and museums to collaborate.

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While museum, archives, and library missions may be aligned, there is a wide variance across them in other aspects, e.g.:

- organizational sizes
- governance structures
- staffing models
- funding models
- acronyms and vocabularies
- disciplinary specialties
- user communities served
Boundary-Spanning

buffering
reflecting
connecting
mobilizing
weaving
transforming
Tensions

- Field Diversity
- Resources
- Vocabulary
Field Diversity
Resources

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Vocabulary

e.g., metadata, processing, cataloging, access, preservation, collection

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Alignment Areas

Addressing common issues, e.g.:
• Digital transitions
• Funding challenges
• Policy changes
• Leadership challenges
• Succession planning
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