

Association Update:  
Association of  
Research Libraries  
  
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# Introducing ARL

Mary Lee Kennedy, Executive  
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# Topics

- The Association of Research Libraries
- Our 2021-2022 Priorities
- Priorities:
  - Public Policy Advocacy
  - Enduring and Barrier Free Access to Information
- Challenges and the Future
- Questions

# The Association

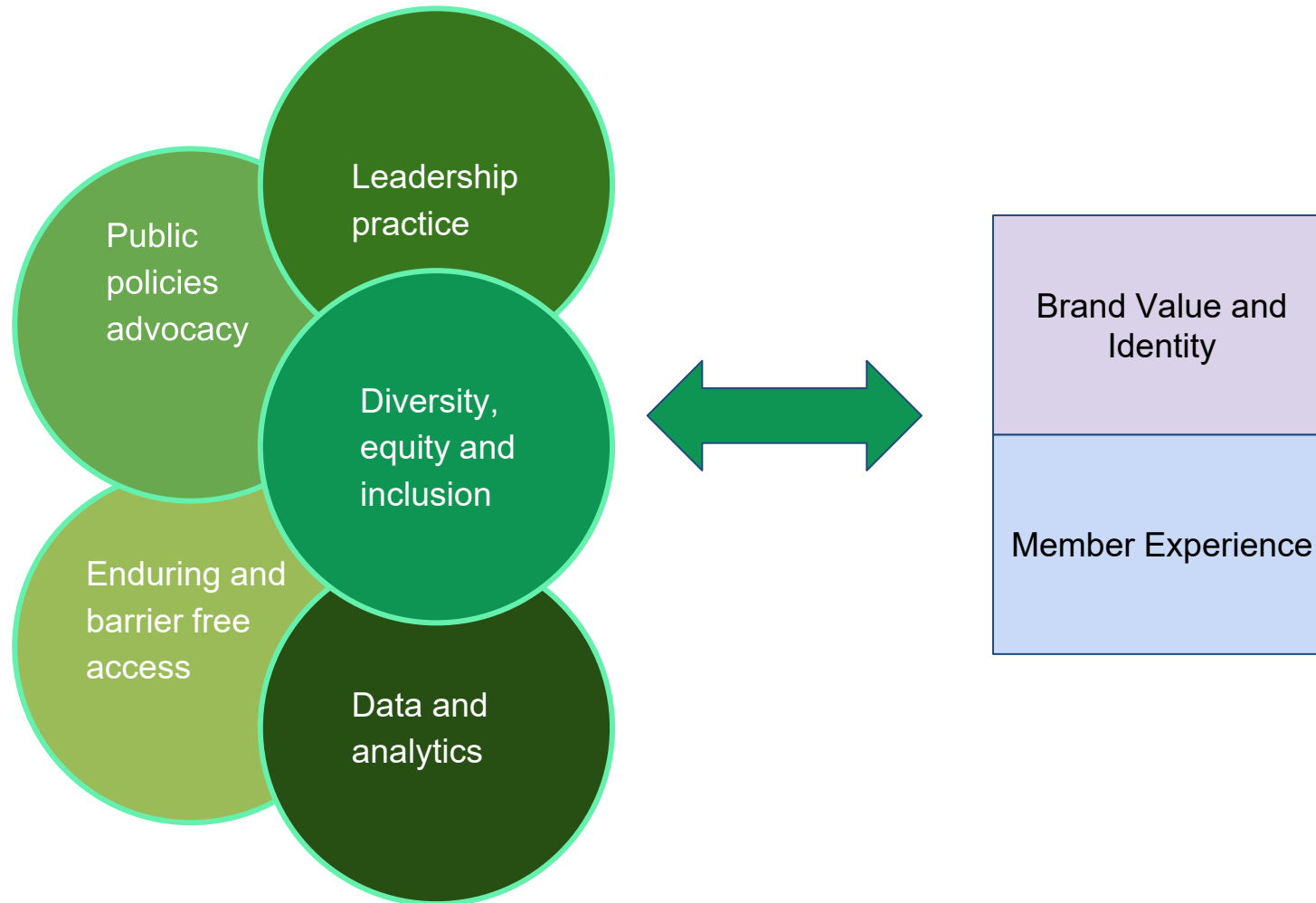
- Founded December 1932
- 126 members from libraries and archives representing research intensive institutions
- 20 expert [staff](#)
- One [mission](#)

# ARL Convenes, Shapes, Informs and Influences for Systemic Change

Vision  
Mission  
Relationships  
Resources



# Inter-Related Priorities and Commitments



# Public Policies Advocacy

## 2021

- ❑ CASE Act, OSTP request for information to improve federal scientific integrity policies, higher ed and research legislation (US)
- ❑ Public policy briefings
- ❑ [Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act: Research Library Perspectives](#) (and other [Issue briefs](#), [blogs](#))

## 2022

- [knowyourcopyrights.org](https://knowyourcopyrights.org) with advocacy toolkit for digital rights
- Marrakesh Treaty cross-border lending pilot
- Coalition for a U.S. commission on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation participation
- Track and inform on privacy, broadband, civil rights issues, intersection of tech policy and higher education

# Enduring and Barrier-Free Access to Information

## 2021

- ❑ [Statement affirming transparency as a core operating principle of licensing.](#)
- ❑ [ARL-CARL Joint Task Force on Research Data: Final Report](#)
- ❑ Session(s): [Evolving frameworks for negotiations and renegotiations with publishers](#); Campus research security and open science
- ❑ Issue brief: [New US Federal Compliance Rules for Sensitive Information](#)

## 2022

- University-based publishing
  - Open-access monographs
  - Stakeholder alignment convenings
- Research services
  - NIST Research Data Framework pilot
  - **NSF-funded research on modeling and costing for public access to research data**
  - Accelerating the Social Impact of Research cohort
  - AAMC NIH DMP innovations project
- Information access



# NSF Grant: Developing Evidence Based Models of Research Data Sharing

## Research phases:

- Assess public access to research data repository use
- Conduct a retrospective study of discipline-specific and format-specific public-access research data practices of faculty on academic campuses
- Collect financial information on expenses related to public access to research data
- Engage broader academic research community in model and best practices

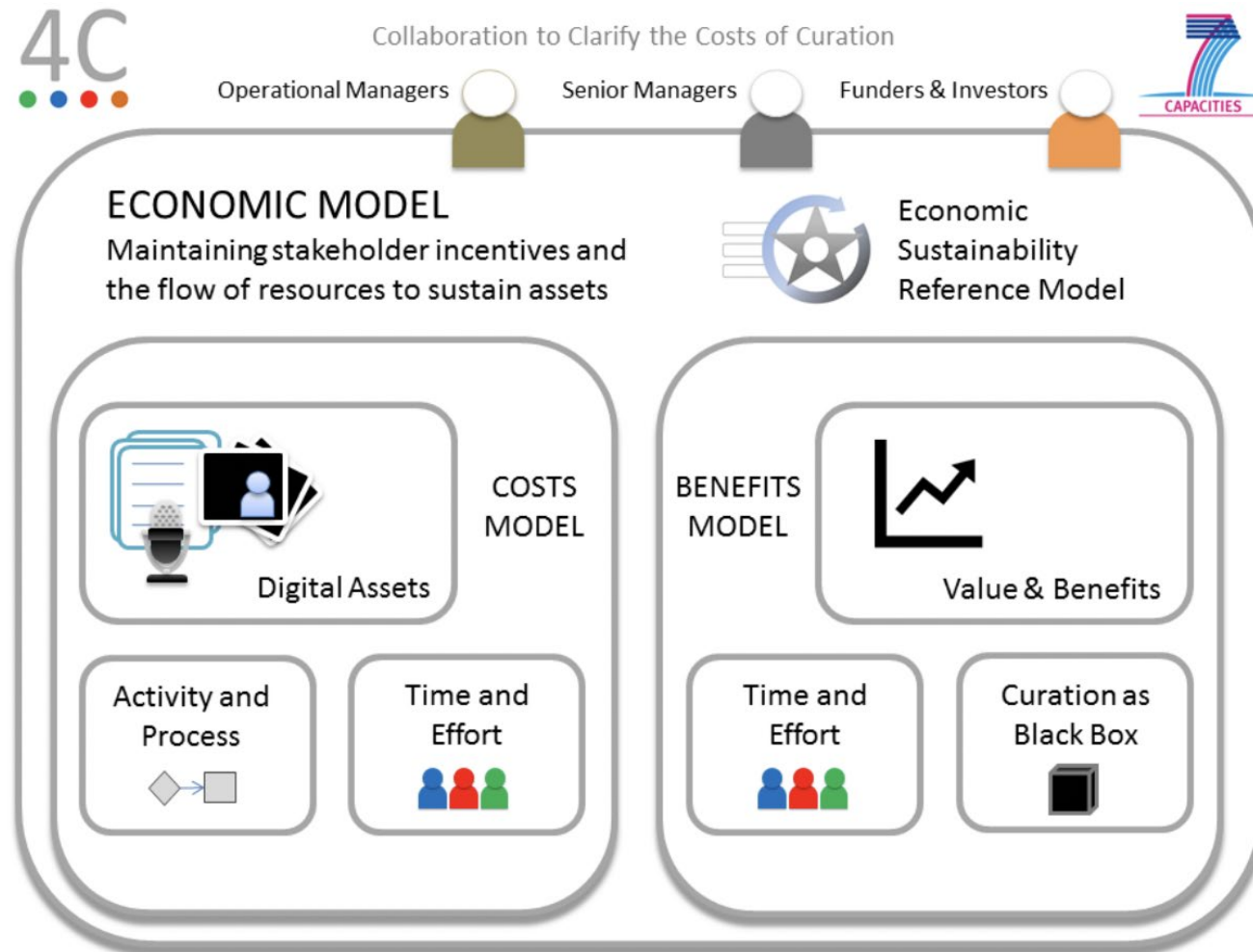
## Within 5 specific disciplines:

- **environmental science, materials science, psychology, biomedical sciences, and physics**

## Across 6 academic institutions:

- Duke University, University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, Virginia Tech, Cornell University, Washington University in St. Louis

# NSF Grant: Public Access to Data Costing - Modeling Approach



# NSF Grant: Public Access to Data Costing

## - Landscape Analysis

Costing Framework/Model Comparison - Landscape Analysis

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# Challenges and the Future

- In partnership with the research enterprise:
  - Agreement on desirable and achievable economic models and public and institutional policies that create ***sustainable and equitable access to knowledge***
  - Investment in ***networks of skills, competencies and infrastructure*** to support a changing research information landscape
  - Competence and courage to ***lead diverse, equitable and inclusive organizations***

# Thank You!

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