Libra Collections Policy
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- Technical reports
- Datasets, or other products of research, suitable for open access (e.g. sets of images, records, quantitative, and qualitative data)
- Grey literature (e.g., blog posts, Twitter logs, non-published talks and presentations)
- In addition to the above items, a forthcoming functionality in Libra will accept links to re3data.org –reviewed research data repositories with U.Va. data deposits (e.g., ICPSR, figshare)*

* Metadata and links to persistent identifiers (e.g., DOI) for data stored in re3data.org-reviewed repositories which meet the following criteria may be included in a forthcoming Libra release: Open Access, persistent identifier, and re3data.org-reviewed. See http://www.re3data.org/faq/ for criteria descriptions.

At this time, there is no comparable standard for preservation criteria for discipline-based and institutional repositories. The Libra Services Team will continue to monitor national and international standards until such time as widely-recognized and broadly-applicable evaluation criteria are available for discipline-based and institutional repositories.

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