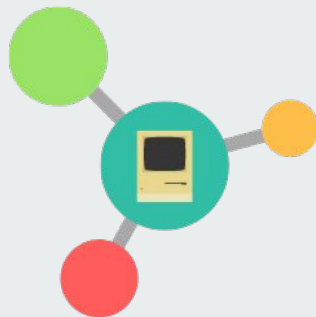




# DPOE-N

Digital Preservation Outreach  
& Education Network

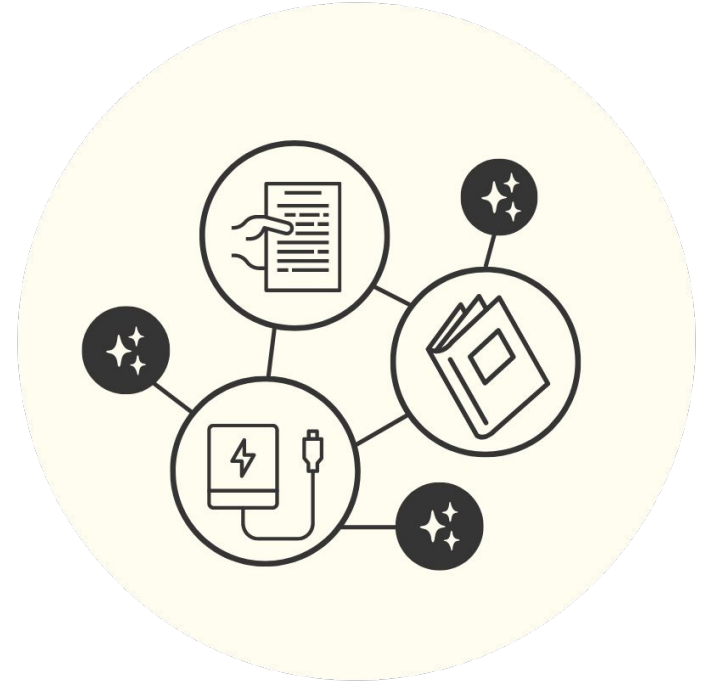
## Five Years of DPOE-N: Digital Preservation Training in the U.S

Kirk Mudle, DPOE-N Program Manager

Anthony Cocciolo, Principal Investigator and Board Chair

## DPOE-N's Mission

- We support digital preservation education in the nation's libraries, archives and museums
- Provide funding and resources for cultural heritage workers and students, interested or engaged in digital preservation work
- Motivated by the need for LAMs to collect, preserve and provide access to digital materials



# DPOE-N's History

- **2010: Origins at the Library of Congress**
  - DPOE was launched in 2010
  - In-person “train the trainers” workshops at LoC
  - Developed recommended digi pres curriculum
- **2018: DPOE-Network**
  - Transitioned to Pratt iSchool and NYU MIAP in 2018
  - Became a “network” of resources and training providers
  - Funded by the Mellon Foundation since 2020



# Professional Development Support Funding

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- Microgrants of up to \$2,500 for digital preservation training
- Current cultural heritage employees
- Current graduate students & recent graduates
- Funding can cover travel, lodging, and registration expenses for virtual and in-person trainings, workshops, and conferences
- Applications will reopen on December 1st, 2026



**Professional  
Development  
Funding**

# What qualifies as digital preservation training?

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Online or in-person workshops, courses, and conferences covering:

- Digital collections management
- Workflows and storage systems
- Training about digitizing analog materials
- Metadata and cataloging standards
- Computer programming
- Policies, copyright law, and ethics
- and more!



**Training Opportunities  
Database**

## Training providers in the DPOE-Network

- Society of American Archivists
- Library Juice Academy
- American Association of State and Local History
- Digital Preservation Coalition
- Northeast Document Conservation Center
- Association of Moving Image Archivists
- and more!



**Training  
Opportunities  
Database**

## **DPOE-N Microgrant Statistics, 2020-2026**

**TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED**

**\$438,159**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS**

**291**

**AVERAGE GRANT SIZE**

**\$1,506**

**AVERAGE NUMBER OF  
GRANTS PER YEAR**

**48**

## DPOE-N Microgrant Statistics, 2020-2026

TOTAL AWARDED TO  
EMPLOYED PROFESSIONALS

\$300,037

GRANTS TO EMPLOYED  
PROFESSIONALS

200

TOTAL AWARDED TO  
EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

\$138,121

GRANTS  
TO EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

91

## DPOE-N SAA

NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR  
SAA TRAININGS

123

PERCENT OF ALL AWARDS FOR  
SAA TRAININGS

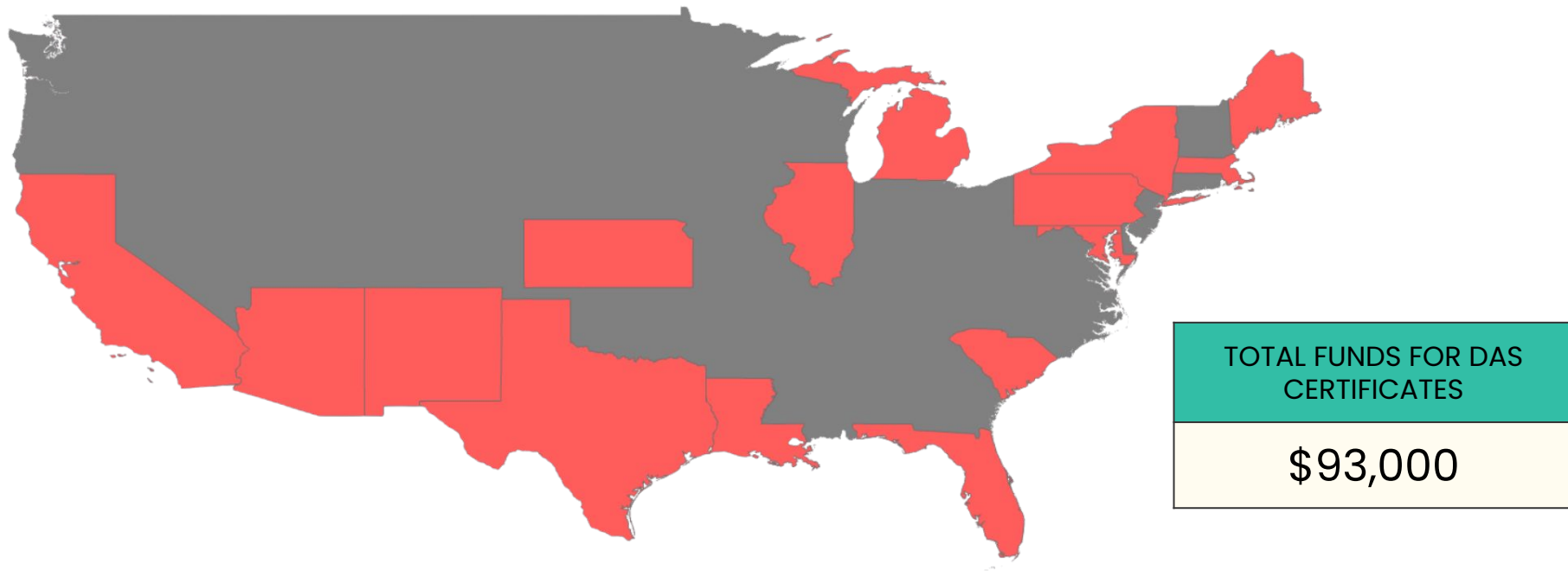
42%

NUMBER OF AWARDS FOR  
DAS CERTIFICATION

56

TOTAL FUNDS FOR DAS  
CERTIFICATES

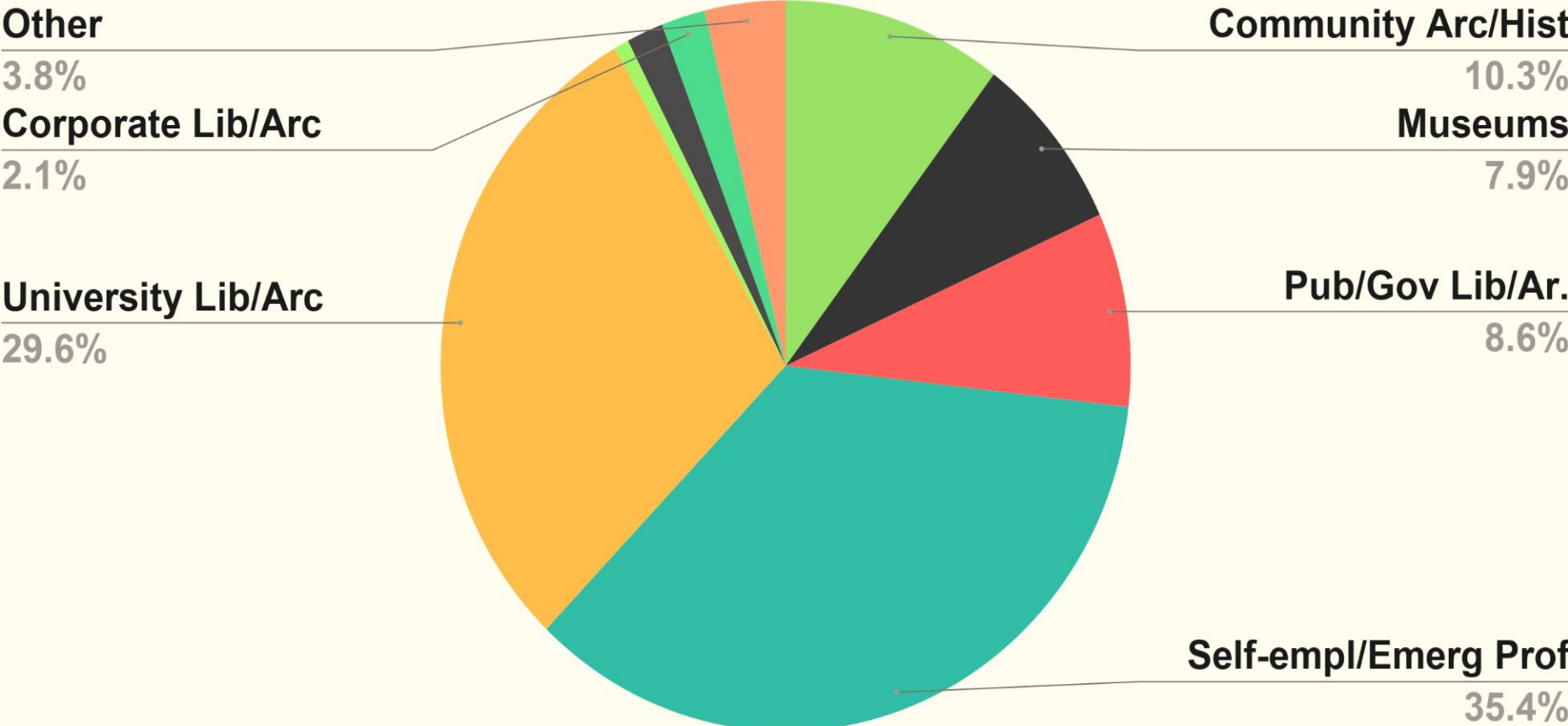
\$93,000



**56** LAM professionals from **16 US states**, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have pursued ***SAA's Digital Archives Specialist*** certification with DPOE-N support

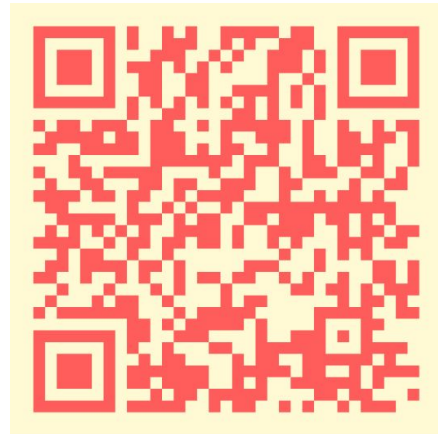
*[not pictured: DC, PR, Hawaii]*

Grants Per Type of Institution, 2020-2026



# Free Workshops

- We've hosted 30 free virtual workshops, including:
  - Web Archiving Practices for Libraries/Archives
  - Intro to Command Line Tools for Digi Pres
  - Copyright Issues for Digital Archives
  - Disaster Planning for Digital Repositories
  - Digital Preservation Metadata 101
- All workshops feature simultaneous interpretation in Spanish.
- Our workshops have reached approximately 3,000 people since 2021



**Free Virtual  
Workshops**

# In-Person Workshops in Puerto Rico

We have collaborated with the University of Puerto Rico and UPR Caribe Digital for three workshops:

- *Una Introducción a la Preservación Digital*, March 2023 with Dr. Joel Blanco.
- *Gestión y Digitalización de Colecciones Audiovisuales*, October 2023 with Pamela Vízner
- *Introducción al Desarrollo y Preservación de Historias Orales*, May 2025 with José Javier Morales Benítez, Natalia Hernández Mejías and Oscar Zamora Flores.



# In-Person Workshops in Puerto Rico

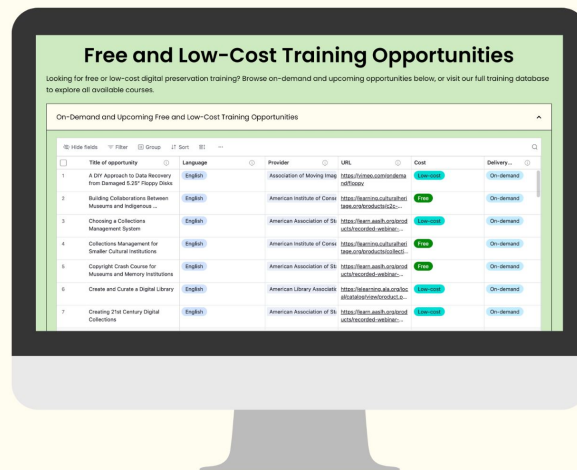
- Next Workshop: *Digital Preservation of Social Media AV Objects*
  - Instagram
  - Facebook
  - TikTok
- Coming November 5-6, 2026 and March 4-5, 2027



# Other Programs and Resources

- Free and Low-Cost Training Database
- Digi Pres Resource Guide (Spanish and English)
- Recommended Readings
- Professional membership organizations database
- Monthly newsletter
- More at **DPOE.network**

## FREE DIGITAL PRESERVATION TRAINING



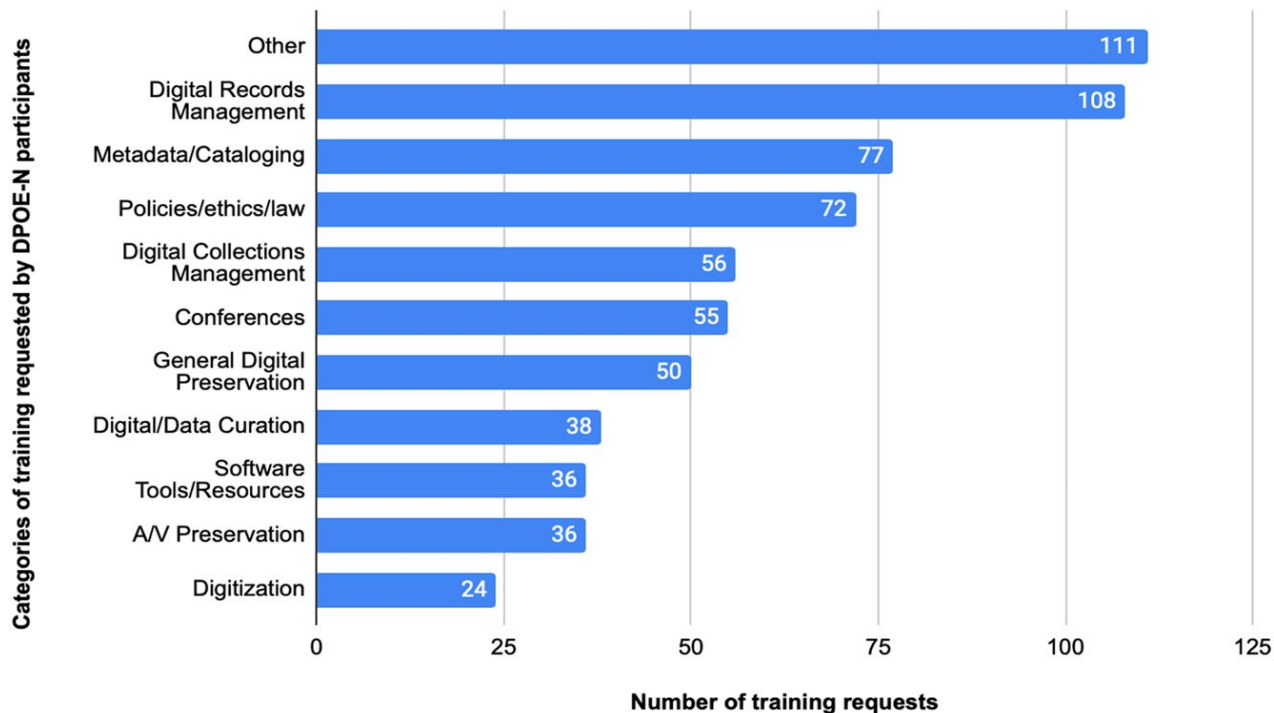
View opportunities



# Analysis of funding applications and implications



- Qualitative analysis of 168 funding applications
- Most commonly requested topics:
  - Management of digital records
  - metadata/cataloging standards

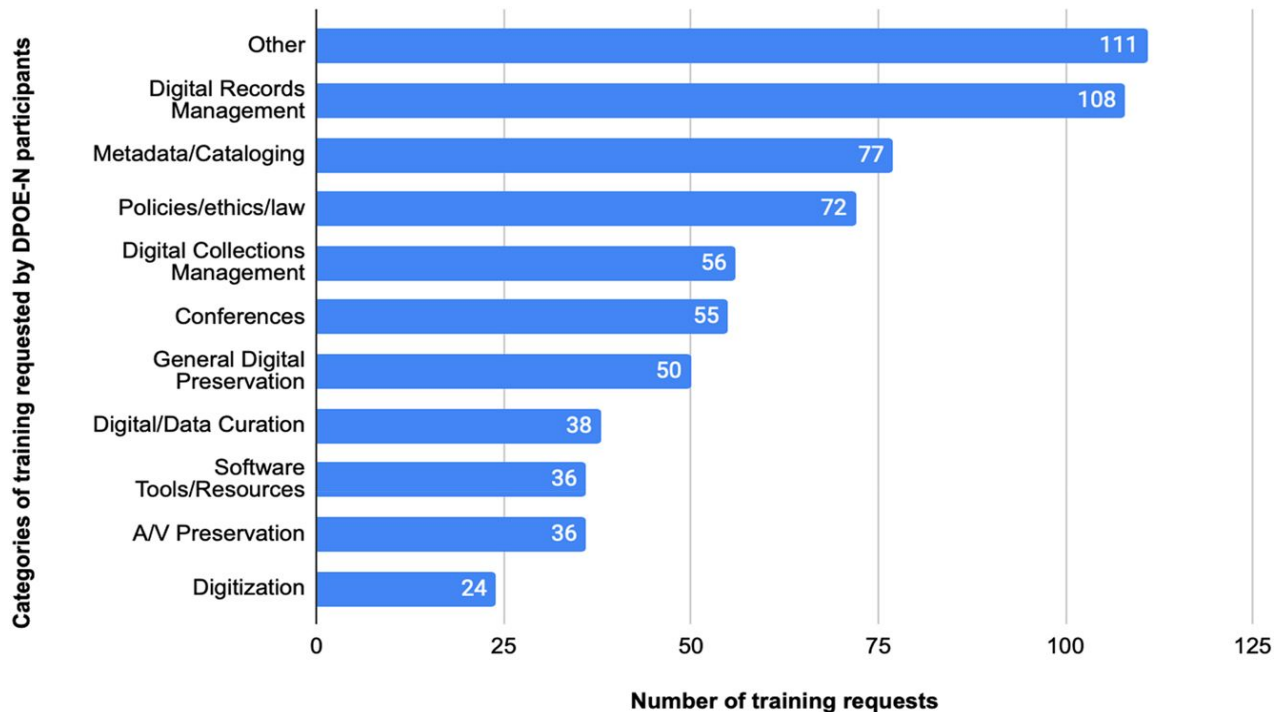


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- Digi Pres remains a broad field with many facets
- Continuing need to educate around the core elements of Digi Pres
- Lit review showed that project management and communication skills are also highly valued

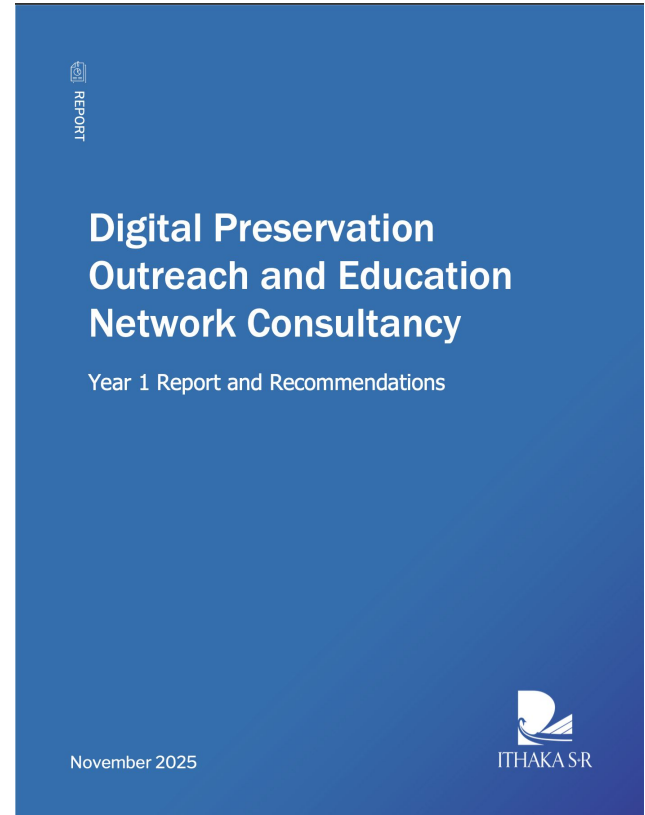


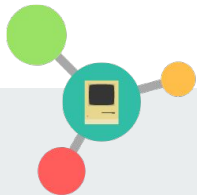
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# What is next for DPOE-N?



- Mellon Funding ends in 2028
- Working with ITHAKA S+R on sustainability plan post 2028
- Seeking alternative funders & sponsors
- Exploring alternative business models
- Expanding the “Network” component of DPOE-N





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