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ABSTRACT: Overview of the IIS/ALA project on participatory networks and participatory librarianship.

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Participatory Networks

The Library as Conversation

A Technology Brief from ALA OITP and The
Information Institute of Syracuse

<http://iis.syr.edu/projects/PNOpen/>

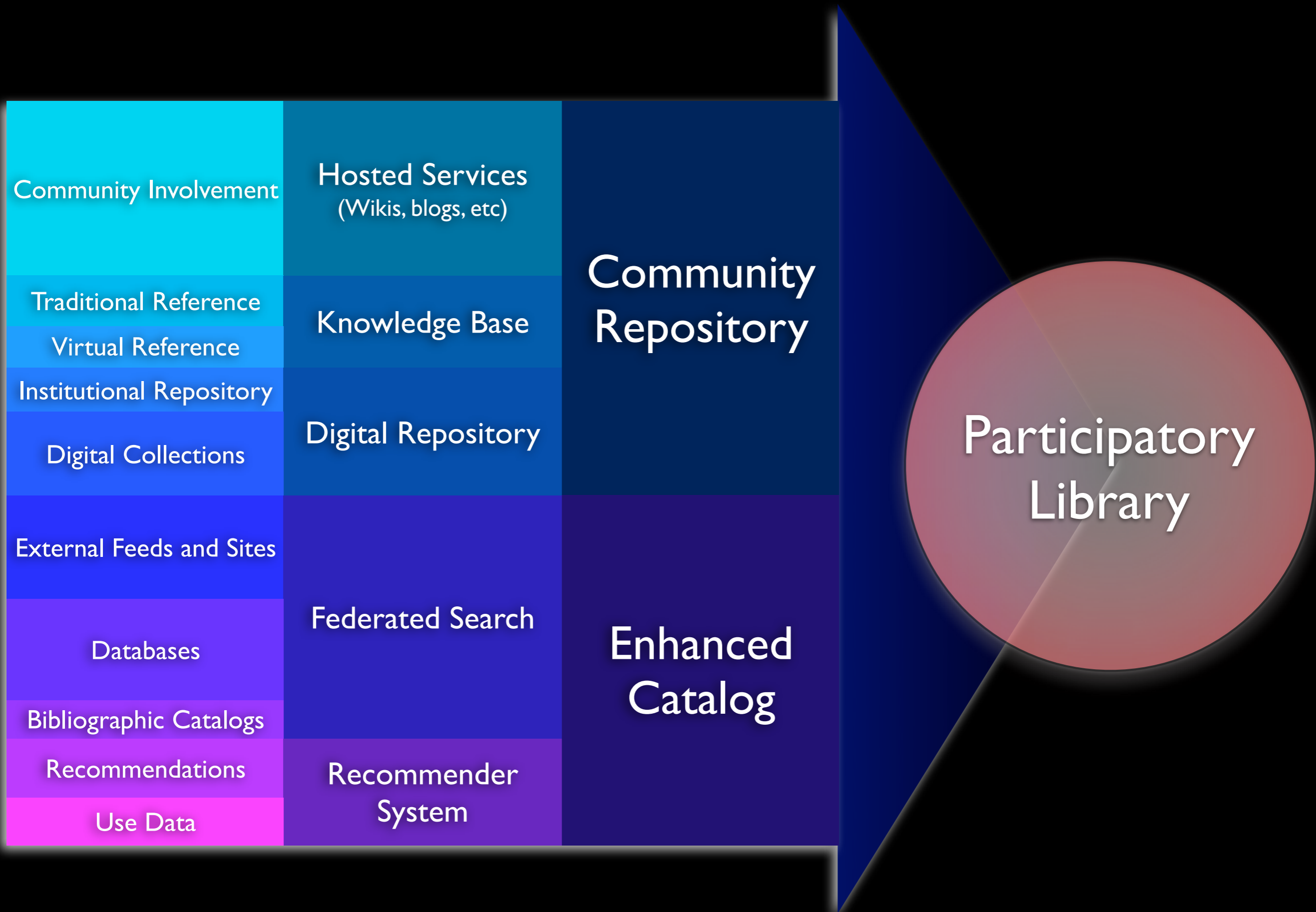


Conceptual Framework

- Knowledge is Created through Conversation
- Books, Videos, Web Pages, etc. are Simply Artifacts of Knowledge Creation
- Libraries are in the Knowledge Business, Therefore the Conversation Business
- Libraries Online and Off Need to Facilitate Conversation

Web 2.0 and Library 2.0

- Social Networks
- Wisdom of Crowds
- Loosely Coupled API's
- Mashups
- Permanent Betas
- Software Gets Better the More People Use It
- Folksonomies



Recommendations: General

- Libraries must be active participants in participatory networking
- This must be done at the core of the library, not on the periphery.
- Anything less simply adds stress and stretches scarce resources even further.

Recommendations: Specific

1. Expand Understanding of Participatory Networks and Participatory Librarianship
2. Create a “Participatory Library Test Bed”
 1. Provide Shared Services to Libraries
 2. Provide Librarians Needed Skills
 3. Standing Research Agenda in Participatory Librarianship

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