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Recommended Formats Statement
Change History from 2022-2023 version to 2023-2024 version

For online version, see Recommended Formats Statement - 2023-2024 (link)

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Minor formatting changes are not included in this list.

1. **Introduction**
   a. New emphasis on using the term "primary" as an equivalent for "master"
   b. Updated the RFS evaluations matrix to include the following changes:
      i. Added a new Institutional Factor, "Access Options," to better align with file format support in the Library's access systems
      ii. Updated language to the Institutional Factor, "Established workflow/functionality" to better reflect the updates to the Library's repository and its storage capabilities
2. **Summary Table of Digital Format Preferences**
   a. Updates to reflect changes in format categories
3. **Textual Works**
   a. none
4. **Still Image Works**
   a. Added more common examples of RAW format extensions including .iiq and .arw for Photographs - Digital and Other Graphic Images - Digital
   b. Updated acceptance criteria for Digital Photographs metadata to emphasize that sidecar files are acceptable but embedded metadata is preferred
   c. Removed MrSID (.sid) files from Acceptable formats for Other Digital Graphic Images
   d. Removed Computer Graphics Metafile (CGM, WebCGM) from Acceptable formats for Other Digital Graphic Images
   e. Updated language for acceptable metadata for microforms
5. **Moving Image Works**
   a. none
6. **Audio Works**
   a. none
7. **Musical Scores**
   a. none
8. **Datasets**
   a. none
9. **GIS, Geospatial and Non-GIS Cartographic**

a. none
10. **Design and 3D**
   a. Added 3MF (3D Manufacturing Format) as an Acceptable format for 2D and 3D Computer Aided Design vector formats
   b. Added PDF/E-1 as an Acceptable format for 2D and 3D Computer Aided Design vector formats
11. **Software and Video Games**
   a. Updated Preferred language for Section A. "Content, in order of preference"
   b. Updated Acceptable language for Section A. "Content, in order of preference"
   c. Updated Preferred language for Section B. "Operating System so that a copy of the operating system (OS) is submitted as a disk image if not a commonly known OS such as Linux, Mac, or Windows.
   d. Updated Preferred and Acceptable language for Section C. "Platform" to include the submission of emulated versions or appropriate hardware
   e. Updated Preferred language for Section D. "Related Materials" to include documentation and publication material
   f. Added .Zip files as an acceptable delivery method
   g. Update language to specify external hard drives as acceptable delivery methods and removed DVD discs as acceptable delivery methods
12. **Web Archives**
   a. Updated introductory text
   b. Section I. "Websites" renamed to Web Archives
   c. Added link to WACZ format description on Sustainability of Digital Formats
   d. Removed technical characteristics and information related to preservable websites
   e. Added Preferred language to Section A. "Formats" of Web Archives
   f. Updated language to Preferred Technological Measures
   g. Added Section E: Referencing with Preferred language for persistent identifiers
13. **Email**
   a. none