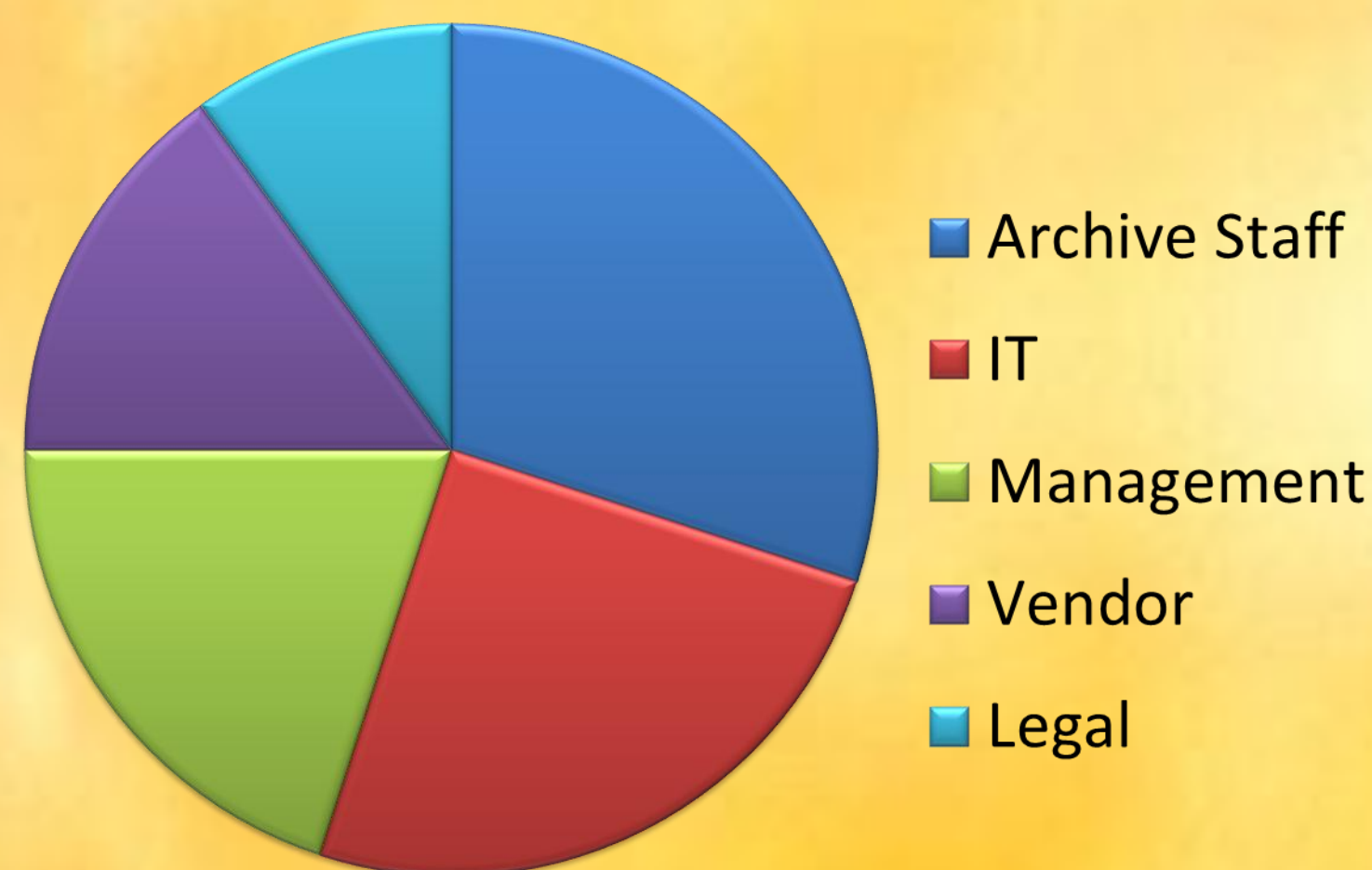


# Reality of Digital Library Development: In Small-Medium Sized Archives

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## EDUCATING NON-ARCHIVAL STAFF

- Importance of project
  - Cost justification
- Staff training
- Marketing
- Website management
- Development of long term digitization plan
- Server space
- Vendor issues



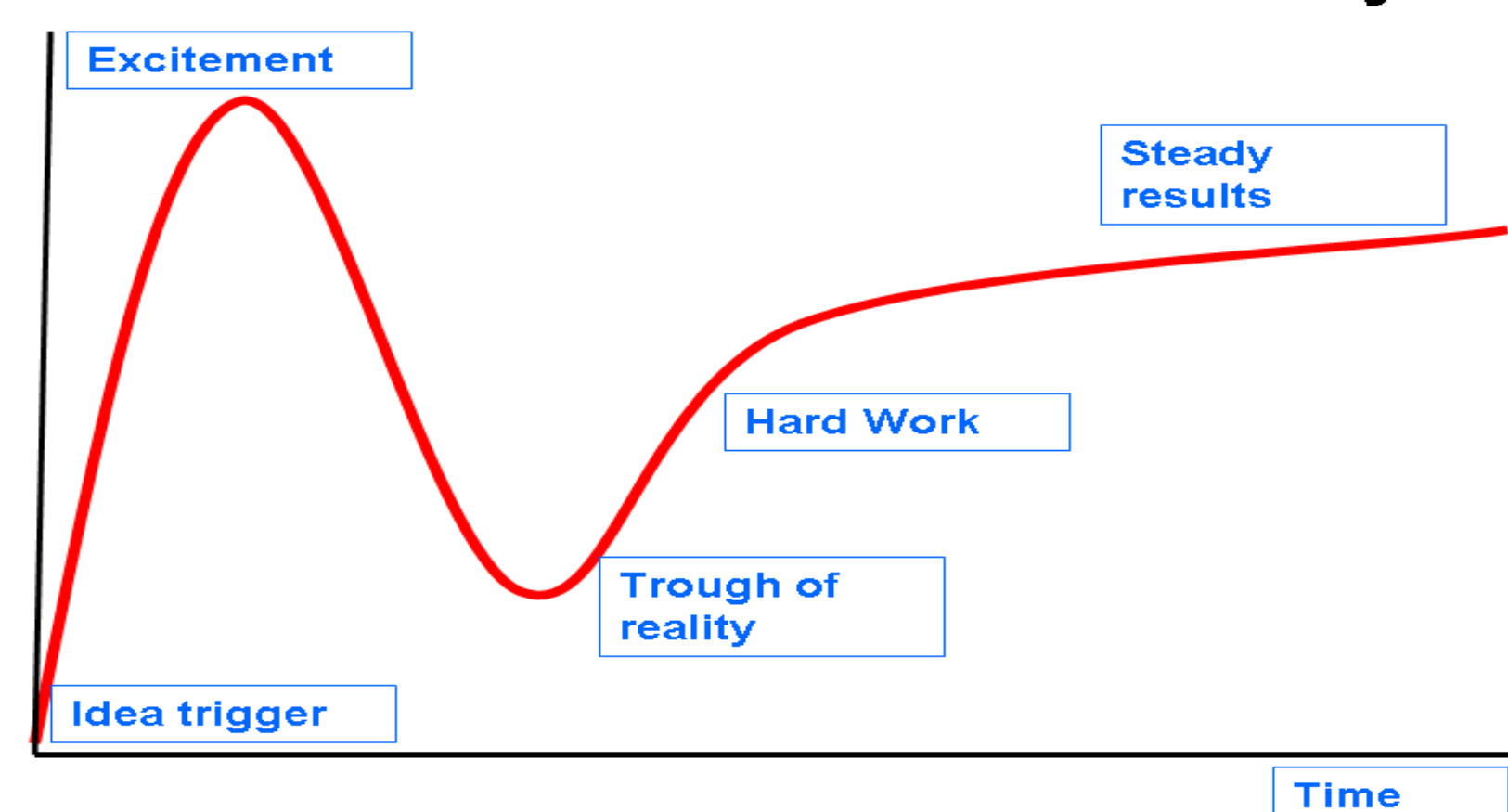
## INTANGIBLE COSTS

- Website management
  - Development of web policies
- Server space
- Additional vendor applications
- Hardware use

## EVERYTHING GETS TOUGH: DON'T START OVER

- The 80/20 Rule
- Intangible costs arise
- Upper management pushing/pulling project once project reaches the “trough of reality”
- No perfect system exists, only systems whose flaws you don’t know yet

### Common Sense Idea life cycle



## RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Exploratory study
- Purpose is to better understand the greater process of digitization projects
  - Ease of digital library implementation
  - Maintenance and development
  - Usability of online tools
    - User satisfaction
- Potential outcomes:
  - Time management
  - Allocation of resources
  - Successful implementation

## CONCLUSION

- Archival literature reveals the need for archivists to embrace technology
- Recent case study provides insight into larger repository institutions, but what are the effects on smaller repositories?
- Further research will be needed to explore and examine the technology practices amongst archival staff and collect user data

## TRACKING USERS POST LIVE

- Prioritization for evolution of digital library development
  - Digital collection development
- Better understanding of users
- Justification for budget costs



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