

# Creating a Digital Scholarship Center

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Four-year SUNY public  
comprehensive college

8400 students

50 undergrad majors

50+ grad programs



# Digital Scholarship Centers

- focus on relationships, extending ways of collaborating with faculty and students in their scholarly practices.
- multidisciplinary – serving humanities, social sciences, sciences and more.



# Digital Scholarship Center Examples:

- Brown
- Bucknell
- Duke
- NC State



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# Relationship Building

*'Only Connect' E. M. Forster*

Identify existing strengths

Develop use cases

- Erie Canal 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- College Archives (lantern slides)
- American Soldier Transcribathon  
(w Virginia Tech)



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# Getting There

- Starting Small(er) - Proof of Concept
  - Digital Media lab
- Communication – Integrated Planning
  - Documenting Need
  - Building Allies
  - Developing Partnerships
    - OPENness
    - Digital preservation
    - Sustainability



# Building Culture

## Raising Awareness

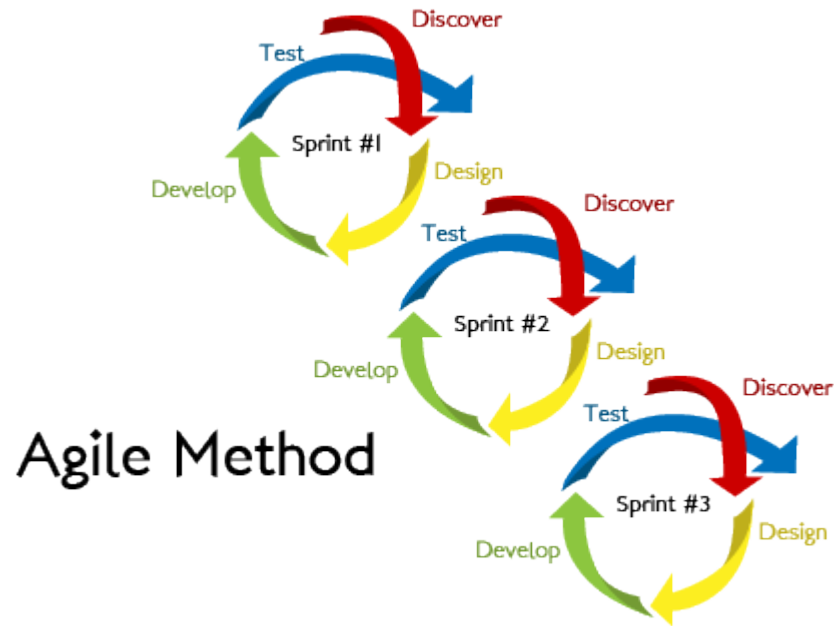
- Involve stakeholders
- Develop champions
- Document success (and failures)
- Celebrate milestones



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# Failing Forward



<https://www.360logica.com/blog/general-trends-in-agile-approaches/>



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# Lessons Learned

- Awareness raising is continuous
- Seek early support from influence leaders
- Allow time for vetting/revision
- Use agile/sprint/fail-forward methodology
- Document and help others



# Inspiration Points

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