Presentations   **University Libraries**

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Collection Assessment: Taming the Beast

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- Land grant university located in northwest South Carolina established in 1889

- Combined grad and undergrad enrollment is 28,500

- R1 designation in 2016

- 800,000+ monographs

- 1 million+ eBooks, journals, and streaming media titles

- 4 libraries on campus

- 2 libraries off campus (Charleston and Greenville)

- 1 off-site storage facility

Collection Assessment Landscape

- Assessment projects on an ad-hoc basis

- Liaison librarians perform collection development

- Collections-related work spread across multiple areas; no single person or team in charge of coordinating

- Reorg in 2022 created a Collections and Discovery Division, a Head of Collections and Acquisitions, and an Interim Collection Development and Management Coordinator (25% position)

What Do We Want to Accomplish?

- Ensure our collections are meeting campus needs

- Determine what we need to support new programs

- Prep the collection for shared print initiatives

- Prep for library renovation

While...

- Maximizing time of liaisons

- Leveraging resources from different areas

3: The Magic Number?

Liaison Librarians
3 teams of four liaison librarians
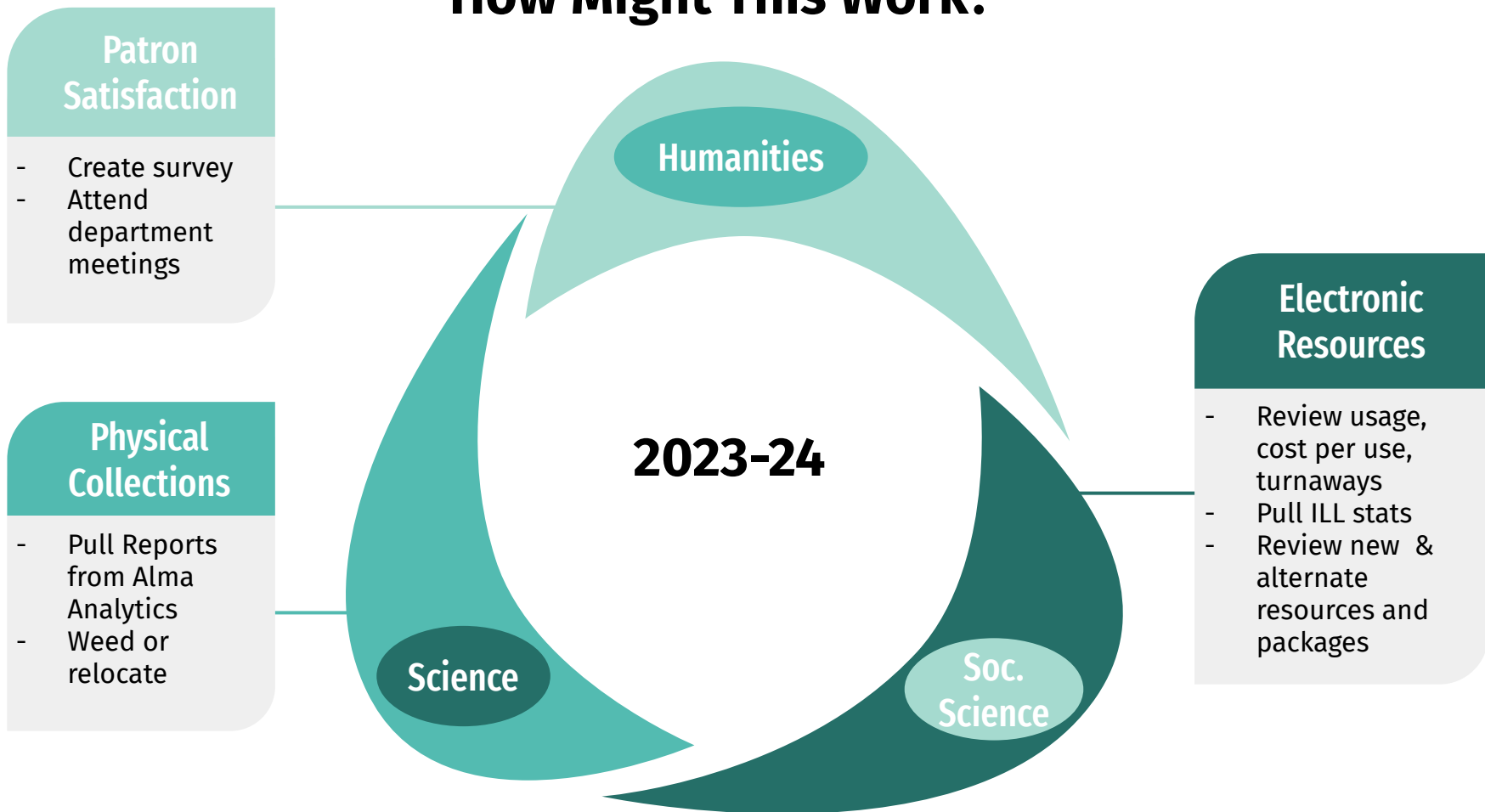- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Science

Who is assessing?

What to assess?

When to assess?

Areas of Assessment
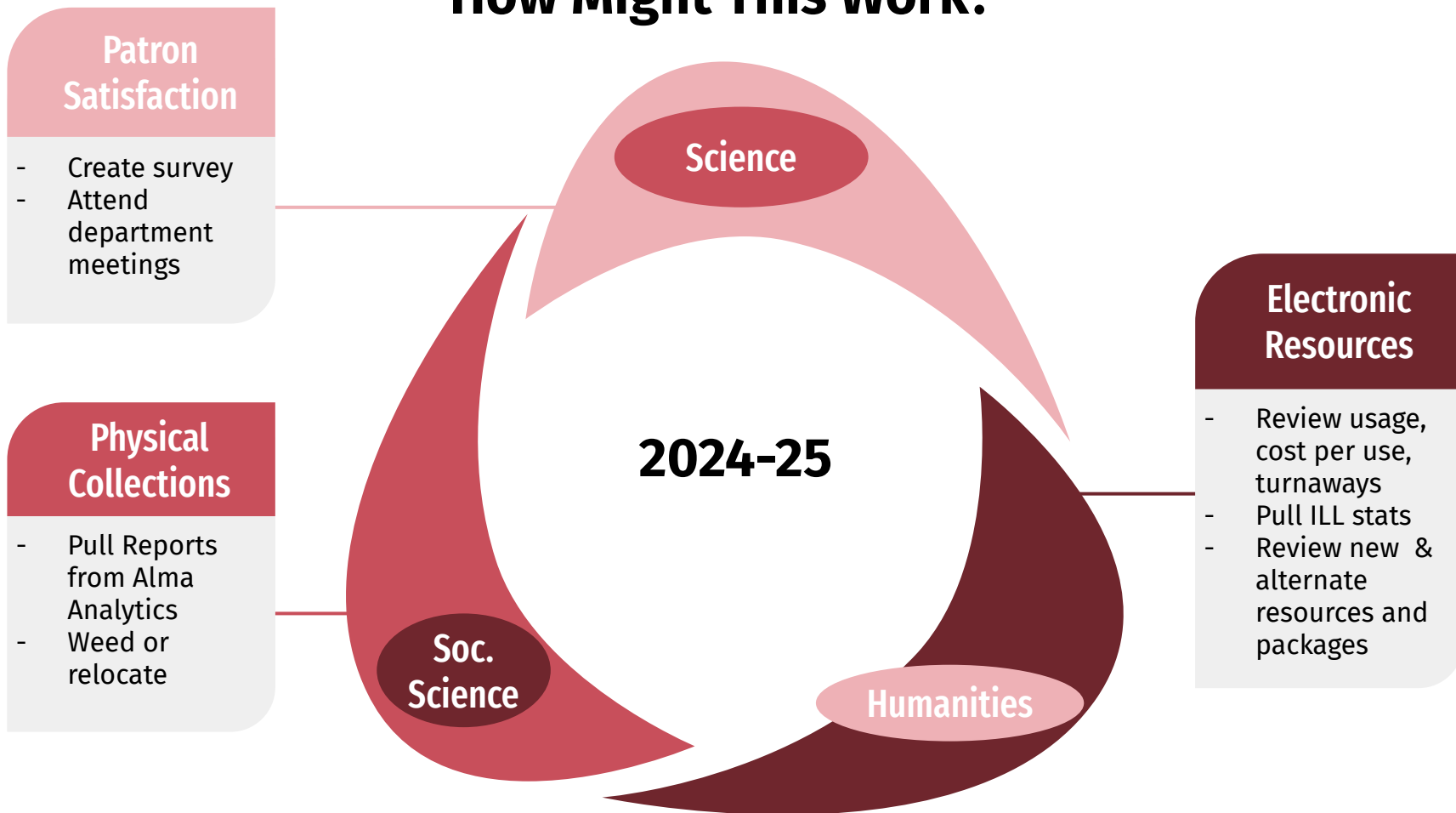- Physical Collection
- Electronic Resources
- Constituent satisfaction and needs

Timeline for Project
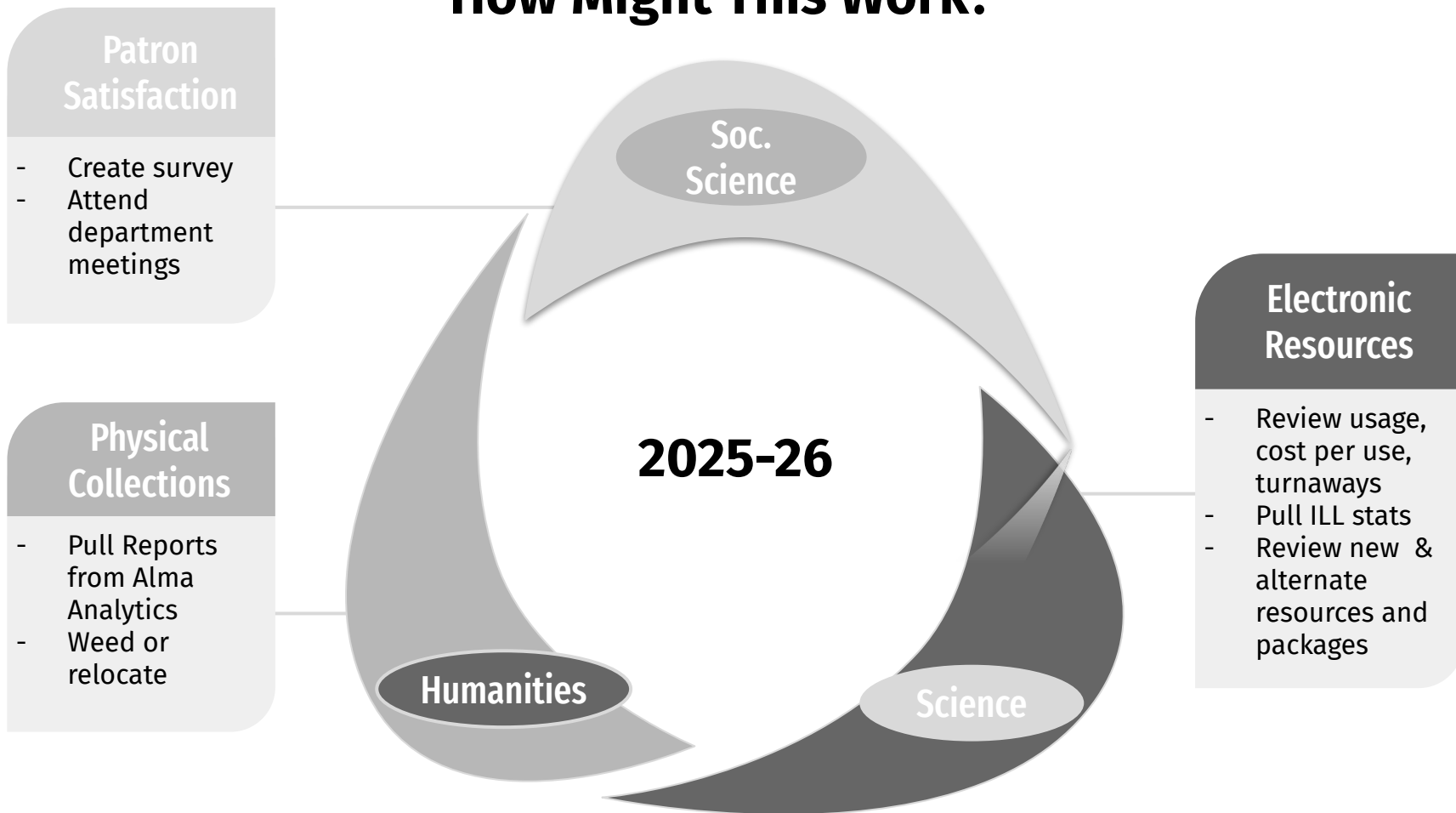3 Years in which each team tackles one task per year

How Might This Work?

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- Create survey
- Attend department meetings

Physical Collections
- Pull Reports from Alma Analytics
- Weed or relocate

Humanities

Science

Soc. Science

2023-24

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Looking Forward to 2026

Integrated, systematic approach to assessment

Creation of collection management librarian position or team

Healthier workload for liaisons

Increased outreach to patrons

Better stewardship of fiscal resources and space

Streamlined workflows and communication across departments and divisions

Tune In for More!

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