




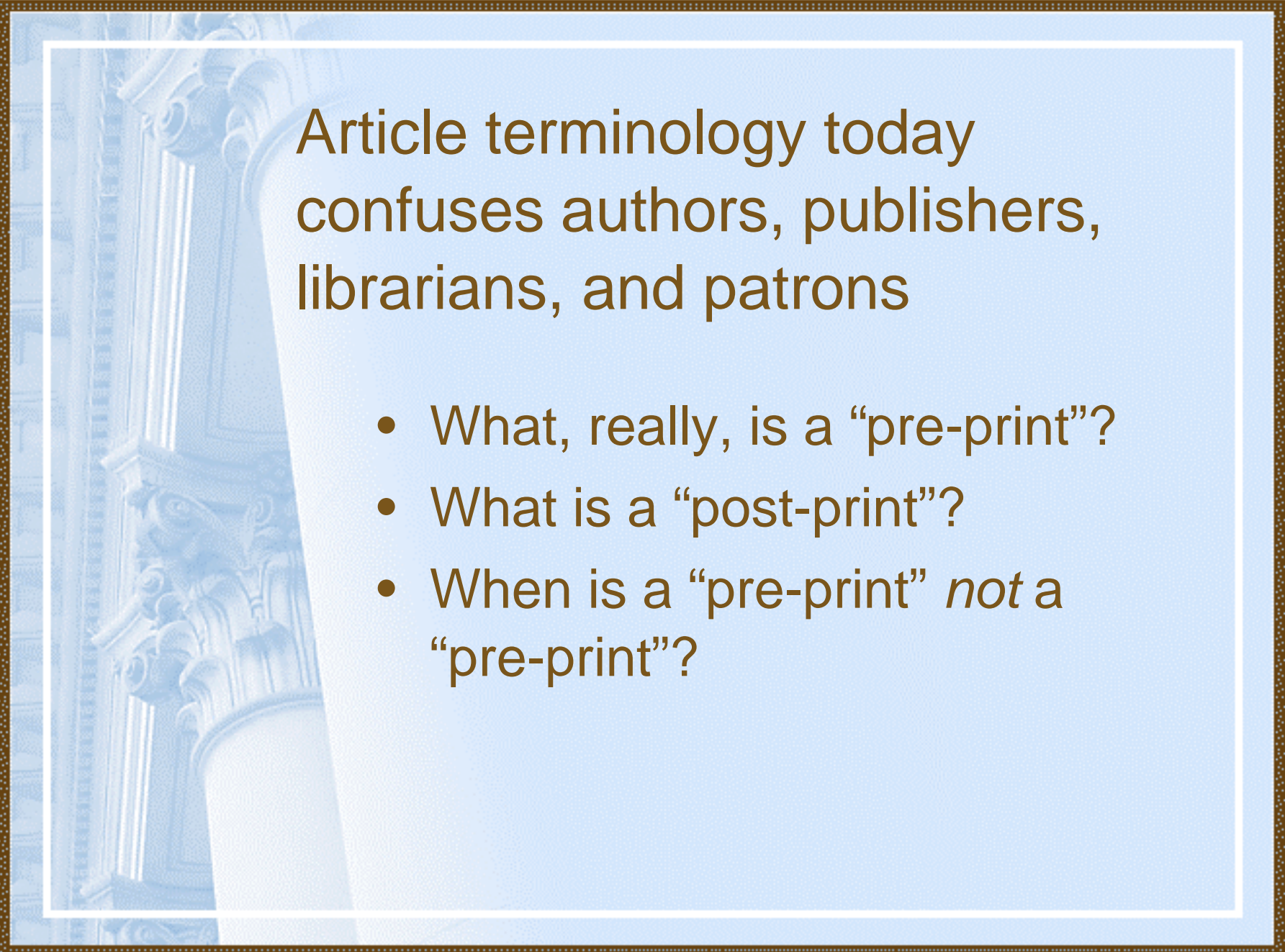
Managing Journal Article Versions Across the Lifecycle

The NISO/ALPSP Journal Article
Versions Working Group

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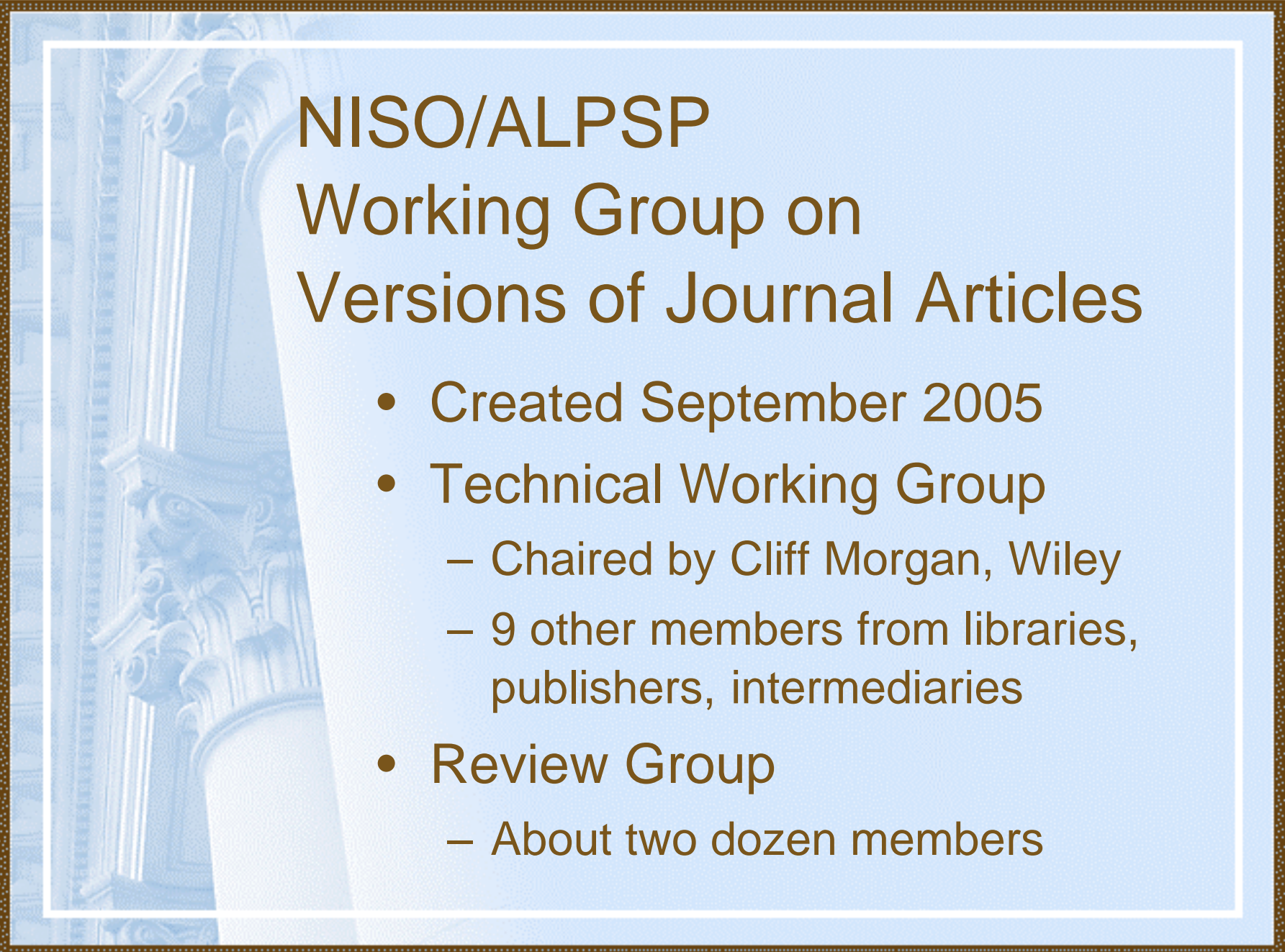
Article terminology today
confuses authors, publishers,
librarians, and patrons

- What, really, is a “pre-print”?
- What is a “post-print”?
- When is a “pre-print” *not* a “pre-print”?

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Importance of agreed terms grows as the importance of 'discovery' grows

- arXiv shows that researchers want data *fast*
- ISI's acquisition of ScholarOne shows interest in acquiring content further up-stream
- Elsevier makes changing content available very early
- We need agreement on terms

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NISO/ALPSP Working Group on Versions of Journal Articles

- Created September 2005
- Technical Working Group
 - Chaired by Cliff Morgan, Wiley
 - 9 other members from libraries, publishers, intermediaries
- Review Group
 - About two dozen members

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Timeline so far

- Regular conference calls, September to February 2006
- Draft documents written, released March 2006
- Review comments submitted, March & April 2006
- Response to reviews currently being compiled

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The Working Group's goals

- Determine a set of standard use cases for article development
- Find a set of terms that we can all use
- Justify their use

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This is an iterative,
developing, step-by-step
process

- An article goes through multiple steps; generally it completes one step before going on to the next
- *Value* is added as one goes from one step to the next

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Terminology we propose

- “Author’s Original”
- “Accepted Manuscript”
- “Proof”
- “Version of Record”
- “Updated Version of Record”

“Author’s Original”

- A version considered by the author to be of sufficient quality for review by a second party
- Author accepts full responsibility for the article, including content and layout

“Accepted Manuscript”

- The version of an article that has been accepted for publication in a journal
- Second party (“the publisher”) takes responsibility for managing the article
- Content, layout still by author

“Proof”

- The version of an article created as part of the publication process
- Layout is generally handled by publisher

“Version of Record”

- A version of the article made publicly available by publisher
- Publisher has declared the article is “fit for publication”

“Updated Version of Record”

- A version of the Version of Record that has been changed or amended in some way
- “Updated,” not “Corrected”

Don't forget Signor Pareto

- We are focusing on *most*, not *all*, situations
- Many, many exceptions exist
- But in *most* cases, these terms will simplify discussion and discovery



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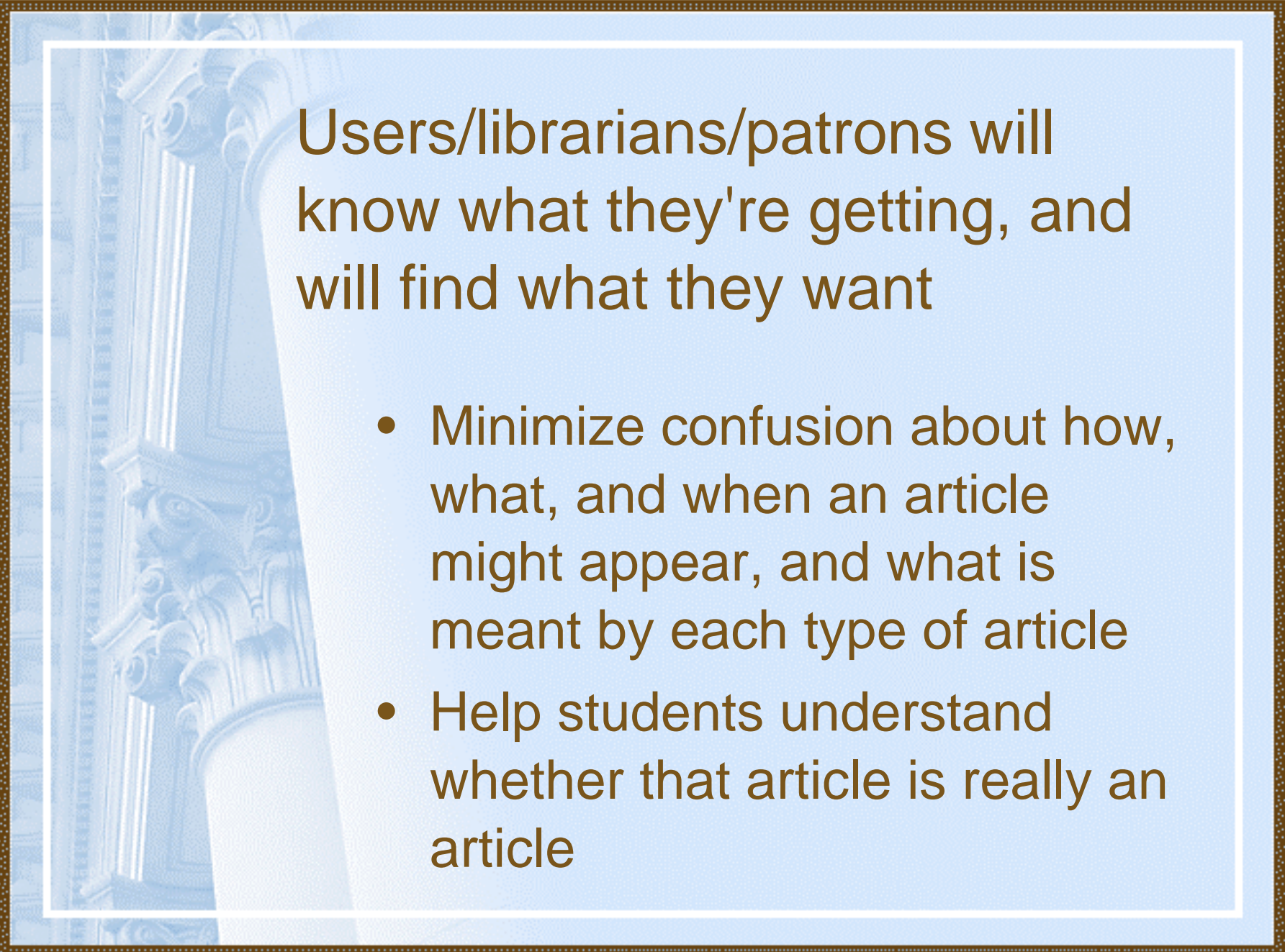
Commentary

- Limit the number of objects
- Location isn't important
- Date stamping throughout the process is A Good Thing
- Can have many versions of each document object

Defined terminology will at least give people an agreed starting place if they disagree

- We have to agree on something before we can successfully disagree



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Users/librarians/patrons will know what they're getting, and will find what they want

- Minimize confusion about how, what, and when an article might appear, and what is meant by each type of article
- Help students understand whether that article is really an article

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Review Group Comments

- Concerns about terminology; loaded terms
- “Adding value”? What about when the publisher ruins an article?

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Next steps

- Synthesize & respond
 - In some cases we'll agree, in others we'll disagree, in others we'll explicate
 - We may also reconsider in some cases

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Personal thoughts on process and impact

- Cliff has kept this process moving; without him we wouldn't have gotten this far
- Defining standards ain't easy
- I see significant value in it

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