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The Six Ages
of Library Collection Development

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The Stone Age

Manuscripts

Monasteries

Hand Copying

Accumulation



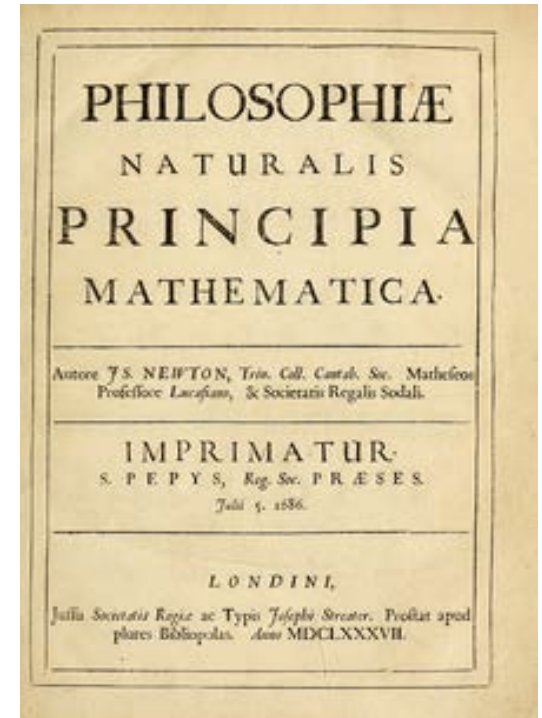
The Bronze Age

Printed books

National Libraries

Increased Mobility

Accumulation



The Iron Age

Serious technology tools

Union Catalogs

Interlibrary Loan

Accumulation



The Industrial Age

Post-war boom

Explosive growth

Automating old habits

Mass accumulation



The Information Age



Serials Crisis → Digital Information

Consortia

Economic/Legal Contention

Access over Accumulation

The Machine Age

Or should we call it:
The
Age
of
Machine
Reading?

