

CLIR publishes summary report

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has published a new report by Abby Smith entitled "The Future of the Past: Preservation in American Research Libraries." This paper is both a summary of progress made in the preservation of research materials and a call for future action. It recaps how librarians and scholars responded to the deterioration of acidic paper in large library collections and how they developed current methods for managing the preservation of those collections. It also reviews the challenges and risks of preserving digital documents in lieu of more traditional formats. This paper is intended to inform administrators and scholars about the crucial role they play in ensuring continued access to our research record.

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Conserve O Grams available on Web

The Museum Management Program of the National Park Service has mounted its Conserve O Gram series on the Web. Conserve O Gram's are short leaflets focused on specific topics in object conservation.

Although written for museum professionals and primarily concerned with art and artifacts, many may prove useful to librarians and archivists. Some of the leaflets cover general topics, such as insect control or monitoring collection environments, while others cover topics in rare book, manuscripts, or archival collection preservation.

The Conserve O Grams are available at http://www.cr.nps.gov/csd/publications/conservoogram/cons_toc.html. A PDF viewer (e.g., Adobe Acrobat Reader) is required.

IFLA publishes new preservation series

The Core Programme on Preservation and Conservation of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

and CLIR recently published the first number in a new series, "International Preservation Issues." "IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material" was compiled and edited by Edward P. Adcock with the assistance of Marie-Therese Varlamoff and Virginie Kremp. This 72-page report has chapters on security and disaster planning, the environment, traditional library material, photographic and film-based media, audiovisual carriers, and reformatting.

There is also a bibliography, a list of international organizations that can provide expertise and a list of pertinent International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards.

Copies may be requested from IFLA-PAC, Bibliothèque nationale de France, 2, rue Vivienne, 75084 Paris cedex 02, France; URL: <http://www.ifla.org>.

Disaster Recovery Information Sources

The Georgia Department of Archives and History has mounted and linked a number of preservation and disaster preparedness documents on its Web site as a public service. "Disaster Preparedness" and "Salvaging Your Valuable Personal Belongings" are of particular interest to the layperson. The URL is <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/ps/gps.htm>.

The 1999 edition of the *Disaster Recovery Yellow Pages* is a 320-page directory of supplies and services that may be used by all types of organizations. It is divided into five sections covering restoration services, mobile buildings, computer and emergency equipment, planning and data recovery software, and training publications and videos, plus it contains information about developing recovery plans.

Copies are available for \$98 plus \$3 shipping and handling, from The Systems Audit Group, Inc., 25 Ellison Road, Newton, MA 02459; phone: (617) 332-3496; fax: (617) 332-4358; e-mail: dryp@Javanet.com. ■

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