

RLG digital activities

The Research Libraries Group (RLG) has launched two digital projects. The first, the Cultural Materials Initiative (CMI), will develop a multifaceted, searchable digital resource to provide access to digital collections created by RLG member libraries. The initiative's goals include development of the necessary technical infrastructure, encouragement of best practices for digital collection management, and agreement on right's management protocols. The second program, the Cultural Materials Alliance, is a coalition of RLG members who have agreed to participate exclusively with RLG in creating the CMI digital resource.

For more information, consult the RLG Web site at www.rlg.org/culturalres/

Rutgers Preservation Management Institute

The Rutgers University School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies will offer the Preservation Management Institute again. Part of its Professional Development Studies (PDS) program, the institute will consist of three one-week sessions held on November 13–17, 2000, April 23–27, 2001, and August 13–17, 2001.

The curriculum covers the nature of collection materials, environmental conditions, storage and handling, conservation, reformatting, preservation technologies, plus administration and planning. Each participant will develop complete preservation management and disaster response plans. Evelyn Frangakis, preservation officer at the National Agricultural Library, is the institute director. Other faculty include, Meg Bellingier, Janet Gertz, William Lull, Debra Hess Norris, Thomas Parker, Virgilia Rawnsley, William Saffady, Millie Suter, and Christine Ward.

The registration fee of \$3,995 covers instructional materials, breakfasts, lunches, coffee breaks, and field trips; travel and lodging expenses are not included. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

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CLIR report

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has published "Enduring Paradigm, New Opportunities: The Value of the Archival Perspective in the Digital Environment" by Anne J. Gilliland-Swetland. In this report, Gilliland-Swetland proposes that archivists' experience with documenting information creation, protecting the context and integrity of information, creating organization schemes and retrieval systems, and preserving complex collections can assist in developing strategies to preserve digital information.

Copies are available for \$15 prepaid from CLIR Publication Orders 1755 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036-2124; phone: (202) 939-4750; fax: (202) 939-4765; e-mail: info@clir.org; URL: www.clir.org.

SOLINET workshops

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET, Inc.) will offer at least five preservation workshops. "Library Binding for Preservation" will be offered on June 23 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. "Beating the Critter Jitters" will be offered on August 17 and "To Fume or Not to Fume" will be offered on August 18 at the University of Kentucky Library in Lexington, Kentucky. "Hurricane Preparedness" will be offered on August 24 at the University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast in Long Beach, Mississippi. "Preservation Management of Audiovisual Collections" will be offered on September 25 at the Historic New Orleans Collection in New Orleans, Louisiana.

For cost and specific information about each workshop, contact Christine Wiseman, SOLINET, 1438 West Peachtree Street, NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; phone: (800) 999-8558 or (404) 892-0943; fax: (404) 892-7879; e-mail: christine_wiseman@solinet.net; URL: www.solinet.net. ■

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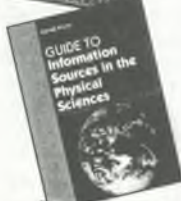
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