

## Classic preservation bibliography

Robert E. Schnare, director of the U.S. Naval War College Library, has completed a decade-long project to update and augment the bibliographical work of George Cunha and Susan Swartzburg. The 840-page *Bibliography of Preservation Literature, 1983-1996* contains more than 5,300 citations, many with annotations. The bibliography is divided into two sections, one for printed publications and one for publications in other media. It also has an essay on preservation management, a glossary of abbreviations and acronyms, and name and subject indices.

Cunha and Swartzburg made enormous contributions to the preservation of library and archives collections. This book is a memorial to the work they pursued with such dedication.

The bibliography is available for \$89.50 from Scarecrow Press, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706; phone: (800) 462-6420; URL: <http://www.scarecrowpress.com/ISBN/0810837129>. There is a 15% discount if the book is ordered through the Web catalog.

## Bibliographic database

Preservation Resources, a division of the OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., has mounted a bibliographic database of 500 records on its Web site. The records describe monographs, journal articles, and reports about preservation microfilming, standards, digital imaging, digital archiving, and preservation funding. The database is searchable by author, title, keyword, date, publisher, and literature type. Most entries have abstracts.

The database is available at <http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/presres/presressearch.asp>. Preservation Resources welcomes additions to the database, and records may be submitted by e-mail to [presres@oclc.org](mailto:presres@oclc.org).

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## Disaster mitigation workshops

The Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) will offer three of its disaster mitigation workshops on consecutive days in Washington, D.C. "Be Prepared: Conducting a Vulnerability Assessment," taught by Michael Trinkley of the Chicora Foundation and Michael Smith of LaSalle University, will be held on May 14, 2001. "Be Prepared: Fire Protection and Suppression," taught by J. Andrew Wilson of the Smithsonian Institution and Nicholas Artim of the Fire Safety Network, will be held May 15. "Be Prepared: Assessing Health and Safety Risks," taught by Monona Rossol of Arts, Crafts and Theater Safety, Pam Hackbart-Dean of Georgia State University, and Katherine Dibble of the Boston Public Library, will be held on May 16.

Attendees may register for one workshop for \$60, two workshops for \$120, or all three workshops for \$170. There are discounted fees for CCAHA, Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance (CIRLA), Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums (MAAM), Society of Cincinnati, Special Libraries Association-Washington, D.C. Chapter, and Washington Conservation Guild members. Registration deadline is May 1.

## Digital conference proceedings available

The proceedings and papers of two recent events held in York, England, are available on the Web. Information Infrastructures for Digital Preservation, a one-day workshop held on December 6, 2000, focused on digital preservation metadata. This is the metadata used to store technical information that supports preservation decisions and actions, digital authenticity, collection management, and rights management. Preservation 2000: An International Conference on the Preservation and Long Term Accessibility of Digital Materials, a two-day conference held on December 7-8, 2000, focused on five areas: models for distributed digital archives, managing national digital collections, digital preservation,

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Banishes Snakes” to illustrate “blarney,” and a Walt Kelly comic strip showing Albert the Alligator for extinction of species). An introductory essay by Kraig Adler on the history of herpetological illustration is illuminating. \$60.00. Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, c/o Department of Biology, St. Louis University, 3507 La clede Avenue, Room 127, St. Louis, MO 63103-2010. ISBN 0-916984-53-2.

**The Medical Library Association Guide to Managing Health Care Libraries**, edited by Ruth Holst (371 pages, September 2000), presents 16 chapters on all aspects of library service to health-care providers. Patterned on MLA’s influential *Hospital Library Management*, edited by Jana Bradley (1983), this guidebook gives practical tips on financial management, space planning, personnel management, collection development, health information resources, document delivery, and resources for patients and consumers. \$75.00. Neal-Schuman. ISBN 1-55570-397-6.

**Observing the Moon: The Modern Astronomer’s Guide**, by Gerald North (381 pages, October 2000), offers advice on telescopes, cameras, and software in addition to a close examination of 48 interesting lunar features. North’s enthusiasm for the history and science of lunar observation is evident throughout as he takes the amateur selenographer on a tour of the moon’s surface. Of particular interest is his treatment of transient lunar phenomena (lights, mists, and other short-term changes occasionally reported on the moon), a topic not often addressed in the literature even though it has a venerable history. Many photographs and observers’ sketches accompany the text. \$39.95. Cambridge University. ISBN 0-521-62274-3.

**Thieves, Deceivers and Killers: Tales of Chemistry in Nature**, by William Agosta (241 pages, January 2001), offers some intriguing examples of how organisms steal, counterfeit, or interpret the chemical signals of other species. Each story illustrates an aspect of chemical ecology, from plant-ant symbiosis in creating ant gardens in the jungles of Peru to defensive mimicry of ant pheromones by caterpillars, northward-pointing magnetic microbes, and poison-gas-wielding insect larvae. Much

of this biochemical interplay was completely unknown until tools developed in the past few decades provided a closer look at molecules that seemed mere waste products. Agosta also offers an overview of how these discoveries lead to new pharmaceuticals, natural pesticides, and other biotechnologies. \$26.95. Princeton University. ISBN 0-691-00488-9.

**Where Mathematics Comes From**, by George Lakoff and Rafael E. Núñez (492 pages, November 2000), is a good read for numbers buffs. Linguist Lakoff and psychologist Núñez contend that mathematics is rooted in everyday human cognitive activity instead of some transcendent Platonist netherworld. To prove their point, they take the reader on a metaphor-filled examination of basic arithmetic, algebra, infinity, and space-time that may put off arithmophobes and old-fashioned pre-postmodernists, but will excite anyone who thrills to such terminology as “discretized number-line blend,” the “hierarchy of transfinite cardinals,” and “fictive motion.” A completely different way to look at the origin and structure of mathematical concepts. \$30.00. Basic Books. ISBN 0-465-03770-4. ■

(“*Preservation News*” continued from page 441) authenticity and authentication, and collaborative efforts in digital preservation. Both events were sponsored by the Cedars Project, the Research Libraries Group, and OCLC in association with the U.K. Office for Library Networking.

The proceedings and papers are available at <http://www.rlg.org/events/pres-2000/>. A summary of both events is available in the December 2000 issue of RLG *DigiNews* at <http://www.rlg.org/preserv/diginews/diginews4-6.html#feature2>. ■

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The UNFPA Web site has some very useful introductory information for undergraduate students who are unfamiliar with some of the major issues involved in international population. The site also offers essential statistics for more advanced students and faculty, especially those researching demographic, development, gender equity, or reproductive health issues.—  
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