

## Commission promotes regional cooperation

The Commission on Preservation and Access is sponsoring a one-year project to coordinate communication among the regional preservation field services. The four services participating are AMIGOS Preservation Service, the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA), the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), and the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) Preservation Services. It is hoped that by sharing training and educational materials, eliminating redundant training and publishing activities, and coordinating fundraising activities, they can offer more efficient services. Their first effort is a newsbrief called "Regional Alliance for Preservation," which the commission made available as an insert in its June 1997 newsletter. They also plan construction of a Web site. For more information or a free copy of the newsbrief, contact any of the regional field services. AMIGOS is in Dallas, Texas; phone: (800) 843-8482; e-mail: [clareson@amigos.org](mailto:clareson@amigos.org); Web site: <http://www.amigos.org>. CCAHA is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; phone: (215) 545-0613; e-mail: [CCAHA@shrsys.hslc.org](mailto:CCAHA@shrsys.hslc.org); Web site: <http://www.ccaha.org>. NEDCC is in Andover, Massachusetts; phone: (508) 470-1010; e-mail: [dalton@nedcc.org](mailto:dalton@nedcc.org); Web site: <http://www.nedcc.org>. SOLINET is in Atlanta, Georgia; phone: (800) 999-8558; e-mail: [julie\\_arnott@solinet.net](mailto:julie_arnott@solinet.net); Web site: <http://www.solinet.net/presvtrn/preshome.htm>.

## Emergency response and salvage wheel

The National Task Force on Emergency Response has developed a wheel device that provides basic information about emergency response on one side and salvaging damaged collections on the other. Although the wheel and accompanying letter stress the value of advance preparation, it is intended as an easy reference guide for staff of cultural institutions suddenly confronted by an emergency. The



response advice covers disaster alerts, safety, preparations before entering a building, stabilizing a building environment, documentation, protection of collections on-site, damage assessment, salvage priorities, and special concerns for historic buildings. The salvage advice covers books and paper, electronic records, textiles, furniture,

ceramics/stone/metal, organic materials, natural history specimens, framed art works, and photographs. The National Task Force on Emergency Response is an initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Getty Conservation Institute, and the National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property (NIC) with cooperation from more than 25 other public and private agencies, including the ALA. Copies of the wheel were distributed free of charge this past summer to more than 45,000 libraries, museums, archives, and historical organizations. Funds for this massive production and distribution were provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the St. Paul Companies, Inc., an anonymous foundation. If you did not receive a wheel or would like extra copies, you may order them from the NIC at 3299 K St. NW, Ste. 602, Washington, DC 20007-4415; phone: (888) 979-2233 (toll-free); fax: (202) 625-1485. Prices for single copies range from \$5.95 for nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies to \$9.95 for other customers. Discounts are available for orders of ten or more copies.

## NDLF welcomes sponsors

Following the organizational changes that brought it under the auspices of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), the National Digital Library Federation (NDLF) is now accepting sponsors. Libraries interested in becoming sponsors must be actively engaged

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public access librarian at Hostos Community College, City University of New York.

**Randall Souther** is now assistant reference librarian at the University of San Francisco.

**Kristine Stacy-Bates** is now engineering and collections reference librarian at the Iowa State University Library.

**Ramona H. Thiss** has been appointed information services manager at Tompkins-McCaw Library, Virginia Commonwealth University's health sciences library.

**Jian Wang** has been named catalog librarian at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Mardigian Library.

**Shelly Warwick** has joined the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College, City University of New York.

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## Retirements

**David Curry**, head of the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences at the University of Iowa Libraries, retired June 30, 1997, after 21 years in the position. Prior to his appointment at the Hardin Library, he served as engineering librarian and mathematics librarian from 1972 to 1975.

**Fred Dugan**, cataloger at the University of Texas at Austin, retired May 1, 1997, after more than 35 years of service.

**William D. Moritz** recently retired after 31 years of service to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Golda Meir Library. Since 1971, he served as the library's associate director, with two years as acting director during that time. From 1966 to 1967 he served as interlibrary loan librarian. After that, until 1971, he was administrative assistant to the director.

**Nancy Ballard Walsh** retired after a diverse career including serving for ten years as the library director at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

**John Womack**, bibliographer for serials, English literature, and economics for the Collections and Information Resources Division at the University of Texas at Austin, retired April 30, 1997, after more than 35 years of service.

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## Deaths

**Lester Eugene Asheim**, 83, retired William Rand Kenan Jr. Professor at the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), died in July. Asheim had also served on the faculty of the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago, 1948 to 1961 and 1971 to 1974, where he was dean from 1952 to 1961. He directed ALA's International Relations Office from 1961 to 1966 and its Office for Library Education from 1966 to 1971. In 1975 he joined the faculty of UNC-CH, where he taught until his retirement in 1984. Often cited as his most important work, Asheim's 1954 article "Not Censorship but Selection" studies the distinction between selection and censorship. Asheim received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

**Solomon Behar**, formerly humanities librarian at the University of California, Berkeley, died unexpectedly in May. He joined the library in 1961 in the Gifts Division of the Acquisitions Department. In 1969 he became head of the Protest Literature Collection, and in 1973 he was a founding member of the Collection Development Office.

**Hisayo Murakami**, 68, program manager of the Gordon W. Prange Collection at the University of Maryland, College Park, died in June after undergoing surgery. Since 1994, Murakami had managed the Prange Collection, a collection of Japanese-language publications for the immediate postwar years (1945-49) of the Allied occupation of Japan. She played key roles during the visits to the Prange Collection by former Japanese prime minister Noboru Takeshita and by Shin-ichiro Ogata, librarian of the National Diet Library of Japan. ■

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in a substantive digital project and willing to contribute staff resources to NDLF projects. Sponsorship costs \$19,000 per year, plus \$25,000 during the next five years for a capital investment fund. The CLIR was formed by the merger of the Commission on Preservation and Access and the Council on Library Resources. For more information on sponsorship, contact Deanna Marcum, president, CLIR; phone: (202) 939-3400; e-mail: dmarcum@clir.org. ■