

Book about bindings

Books Will Speak Plain: A Handbook for Identifying and Describing Historical Bindings, by Julia Miller, was published in late 2010. The 592-page hardcover book is intended to help caretakers of books appreciate the significance of those that have historical value. Chapter headings include “The Early History of the Codex,” “The Medieval Manuscript Book and Beyond,” “1450 to 1800,” “The Book from 1800–1900,” “Identifying Binding Materials and Applications,” and “Describing Historical Bindings.” Three appendices cover “Historical Bindings: Structure and Style Hierarchy,” “Sample Survey Suggestions and Description Case Studies,” and “Stacks Maintenance and Physical Condition Assessment Guidelines.” In addition to 374 illustrations in the text, there are 1,471 color illustrations on an accompanying DVD.

The book costs \$80 and is available from The Legacy Press, Ann Arbor, Michigan; www.thelegacypress.com. ISBN: 978-0-9797974-3-9.

IPI Webinars

The Image Permanence Institute is offering 90-minute Webinars as follow-ups to its Sustainable Preservation Practices Workshops (announced in this column in September 2010). On February 16, 2011, it will Webcast “Understand Your Climate Control System,” “Managing the Storage Environment in the Midwest Region” on March 9, “Environmental Data Analysis—Tips and Tricks” on March 23, “Manage the Environment to Improve Preservation Quality” on April 13, “Managing the Storage Environment in the Southeast Region” on May 11, “Sustainable Preservation Practices” May 24, and “Managing the Storage Environment in the Western Region” on June

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15. Each Webcast will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

The Webcasts are free and require only a computer and an Internet connection. For more information or to register, go to ipisustainability.org/?page_id=227.

CCI Notes 19/1

The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) has mounted online “Longevity of Recordable CDs and DVDs” by Joe Iraci. It is number 19/1 of the CCI Notes series. The leaflet reviews some factors that can effect whether a recordable disc fails quickly or lasts for many years. It covers manufacturing quality, the materials used in manufacturing, disc recorder/reader compatibility, recording techniques, storage and handling, and disaster preparedness and recovery. It also provides a table listing the relative stability of ten types of optical disc formats, a bibliography, and a list of suppliers of equipment and services.

The leaflet is available free-of-charge at www.cci-icc.gc.ca/crc/notes/html/19-1-eng.aspx.

KRDS guide

Keeping Research Data Safe (KRDS) has mounted a new user guide on its Web site. The 39-page document synthesizes the results and guidance found in other KRDS reports and is intended as a manual for users of its research.

The KRDS project investigated the cost/benefit of long-term preservation of digital research data and developed preservation workflow models. It is funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee in the U.K. and the project partners are eight U.K. research and educational institutions and OCLC Research.

More information about the guide and other KRDS documents is available at www.beagrie.com/krds.php. 