

Another school for scanning

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) will present its latest "School for Scanning: Issues of Preservation and Access for Paper-Based Collections" on June 2-4, 1999, at the Chicago Historical Society in Chicago, Illinois. The three-day conference will help managers of paper-based collections understand the appropriate applications of digital technology and the management of digital projects.

Although technical issues will be covered, the focus will not be technical training. Topics include development of institutional infrastructures to support digital initiatives, selection of content for digitization, quality control and costs, copyright and other legal issues related to digital technology, metadata, and how to maximize the utility of digital information. The 18-person faculty is comprised of nationally known experts in digital technology, such as Clifford Lynch of the Coalition for Networked Information, Paul Conway of Yale University, Jan Merrill-Oldham of Harvard University, and Franziska Frey of the Image Permanence Institute.

Registration is \$265 until April 14, 1999, and \$335 between April 14 and May 12, 1999. Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging. For more information, contact Gay Tracy, NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; phone: (978) 470-1010; fax: (978) 475-6021; e-mail: tracy@nedcc.org; Web: www.nedcc.org.

NISO distributes draft standard

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has mounted on the Web a draft of its new standard, *Z39.79-199X: Environmental Conditions for Exhibiting Library and Archival Materials*. This standard recommends suitable exposure levels for temperature, relative humidity, light, gaseous and particulate contaminants, as well as, appropriate display methods as a means of minimizing damage to exhibited materials. It also includes lists of materials considered safe or unsafe for construction of exhibit cases and physical supports.

The draft is available at <http://www.niso.org/pdfs/z3979dft.pdf>.

ALCTS newsletter online

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) of the ALA is now publishing its bimonthly newsletter on the ALA Web site; so it is available to anyone with access to the Internet. The print version of the newsletter, which was distributed primarily to the membership, has been discontinued. This and other ALCTS publications are a source of information about Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) activities, particularly at the ALA midwinter and annual meetings.

The newsletter is available at http://www.ala.org/alcts/alcts_news/.

El manual de preservación

The National Library of Venezuela has translated the Northeast Document Conservation Center's *Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual* into Spanish.

El manual de preservación de bibliotecas y archivos del Northeast Document Conservation Center consists of six fascicles: Prioridades de preservación (planning and prioritizing), El medio ambiente (the environment), Manejo de emergencias (emergency management), Almacenamiento y manipulación (storage and handling), Cambios de formato (reformatting), and Procedimientos de conservación (conservation procedures). This manual is number seven in the Spanish-language series Conservaplan, Documentos para conservar (Documents to be preserved).

Copies of the fascicles are free while supplies last. For more information contact the Biblioteca Nacional de Venezuela, Centro Nacional de Conservación del Papel, Centro Regional IFLA-PAC para América Latina y el Caribe, Attn. Sr. Aurelio Alvarez, Edificio Rogi, Piso 1, Calle Soledad con Calle Las Piedritas, Zona Industrial de La Trinidad, Caracas, Venezuela; fax: +58-2-941 40 70; e-mail: dconsv@bnv.bib.ve. ■


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