

Digital conference

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) will present “Digital Directions—New Foundations: Creation, Curation, Use” June 13–15, 2012, in Boston.

The three-day conference is the latest installment in the series that began in 1996 as “School for Scanning.” Keynote sessions will examine the past and future of digital collections care. Foundation sessions will review tools and technologies. Focus sessions will explore standards, best practices, workflows, and interfaces. The conference will also provide opportunities for networking and a showcase for vendors.

As of this writing (and may be subject to change), the conference registration is \$625 until March 15, \$655 from March 16 to May 15, and \$685 through June 1. For more information or to register, go to www.nedcc.org/eblasts/DD2012.html.

Data curation report

The Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship has prepared a final report about the Data Curation Research Summit held December 9, 2010, in Chicago. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) sponsored the summit to build awareness of current research projects and problems, advance scholarship and practice in the curation of research data, and foster collaborations among researchers.

The 25-page report provides a synopsis of the presentations and the group discussions. It also summarizes the themes that emerged during the summit, including library and archival foundational concepts, data representation and interoperability, scientific data practices, governance and policy, and trust and publishing.

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Clifford Lynch of the Coalition for Networked Information made the closing observations.

The report is available free-of-charge as a pdf or Word document at <http://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/28355>.

AV artifacts

The Stanford Media Preservation Lab, New York University, and the Bay Area Video Coalition have created a wiki called the “AV Artifact Atlas.”

The reference guide contains terminology, explanations, and examples of problems encountered in playback and reformatting of audio and video content. It is intended to help with the diagnosis and solution of technical problems.

The wiki is accessible at <http://preservation.bavc.org/artifactatlas/>. Contributors are welcome and may send content or comments to avaa-contact@lists.stanford.edu.

NEDCC Webinars

NEDCC will offer a series of collection care Webinars in winter and spring 2012. “Environmental Control and Monitoring” will be held January 26, “Collections Security” February 7, “Mold Outbreaks and How to Cope with Them” February 28, “Care and Handling of Paper-Based Materials” March 15, “Care and Handling of Oversize Paper Artifacts” March 27, “Care and Handling of Multimedia Collections” April 5, and “Risk Assessment for Disaster Planning” April 17. In addition, there will be two free Webinars, “Writing Your NEH Preservation Assistance Grant” March 22 and “Disaster Planning” May 1. Each Webinar runs from 2:00–4:00 p.m. EST.

The Webinars cost \$95 each, unless otherwise indicated. For more information or to register, go to www.nedcc.org/education/training.calendar.php. 