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CARLI Preservation Working Group End of Year Report – FY2007

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Meetings:

The PWG met in January to begin discussions of how to fulfill our mission. Topics under discussion included:

- Investigation of what other consortia are offering in the way of preservation training/awareness – with an interest in participating in a Midwest preservation training consortia.
- Offering training online – using Web Junction.
- Developing a preservation awareness – preservation listserv/clearinghouse or wiki for CARLI
- Developing a web page for preservation containing disaster resources, preservation information, conservators, mentors, etc.
- Promote standards and best practices
- Mentoring
- Development of a hands-on book repair workshop
- Working with the digital users group:
 - Designing a digitization planning workshop
 - Maximizing outcome for digitization projects

Activities:

“Simple Repairs for Circulating Book Collections: A Hands-On Workshop.”

This workshop was offered twice, once at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on April 25th and again at the Illinois State Library in Springfield on May 1st.

This day-long workshop gave participants an opportunity to learn appropriate archival-quality repairs from trained professionals. The workshop was geared to any staff in CARLI member libraries who wanted to learn how to perform simple, quick repairs that

don't require much space or equipment. It was useful for those anticipating the need to repair materials that return at the end of the semester.

The trainers for the day were preservation staff from Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

There were 23 attendees in Dekalb and 18 in Springfield. We have since received favorable feedback on these workshops and there has been interest shown in more of the same.