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CARLI Preservation Working Group End of Year Report – FY2008

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Staff Liaison: Elizabeth Clarage

Meetings:

The Preservation Working Group (PWG) met four times over FY2008 with meetings consisting of two in-person meetings (August 07 and February 08) and two conference calls (December 07 and June 08). The topics of discussion during these meetings were to plan activities for FY2008 from the list of potential activities drawn up in 2007; to investigate many of those ideas and fully develop three over the course of the year; and to set directions and priorities for FY2009.

Activities:

The PWG undertook two major activities in FY2008, participated in broader state-wide activities, and more fully developed several ideas for future involvement:

Program: Special Collections on a Shoestring.
 This newly developed program was offered twice in the Spring of 2008: at Northern Illinois University on March 11th, and Illinois Wesleyan University on March 19th.

The day-long program, sponsored by CARLI Program Planning Committee focused on educating attendees on the curatorial and preservation care of special collections materials, specifically targeting staff for whom care of special collections in not their primary responsibility. Attendance at both presentations of the programs was excellent, and all reviews were positive.

2) Website:

The PWG undertook creating a "webliography" of on-line preservation resources, which was completed in June 0f 2008. This annotated list of resources will be mounted to the CARLI webpage as a public resource for preservation information, and is sorted by preservation topics.

3) State-wide Preservation Planning:

The committee endorsed the State of Illinois' pursuit of an IMLS *Connecting to Collections State-Wide Planning Grant*. Two members of the PWG, Jennifer Hain Teper and Alyce Scott have attended meetings towards the development of a grant submission and CARLI's potential involvement in such an endeavor.

4) Programming for FY2009:

Lastly, the PWG set about setting programming ideas for FY2009. The two ideas we are currently pursuing for the next fiscal year respond to needs identified through surveys performed at our past two programs: audiovisual and photographic preservation, and disaster response after a fire (with collaboration from the Illinois Fire Service Institute).