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Register by November 1 for the CARLI Annual Meeting

[Register by November 1](#) to attend the CARLI Annual Meeting on Friday, November 9, 10:30 am–3:00 pm at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. Paula Kaufman, a founding CARLI Board member, the Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson Dean of Libraries and University Librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and 2012 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year will deliver the keynote address, "Crossroads or Precipice? Reflections From the Darkening Ivory Tower."

The afternoon will feature short breakout sessions on various topics. Breakout sessions will last approximately 35 minutes (including Q&A), and will repeat several times. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend 3 sessions, or to spend time networking with other attendees. Session topics will be:

- Using CARLI Digital Collections
- Preparing for RDA (Resource Description and Access)
- Introduction to Archon
- What Functionality is Critical in the Next Generation ILS

For more information, [visit the event page](#). This meeting is an in-person event only and will not be available via webinar.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu.

Calendar Year 2013 E-Resources Selection Period Now Open

The password-protected CARLI selection database is now available. The selection period will remain open until November 16. E-Resources Contacts and subscribers to the Collections and Content Group (CCG) email list should already have received a detailed announcement, along with instructions and a complete list of the products available and the vendors providing access.

Timeline:

- October 12–November 16: Selections made online through the CARLI Selection Database
- December 1, 2012: Final subscription lists are submitted to vendors
- December 1–15, 2012: Preliminary billing estimates sent to subscribing libraries for review
- January 1, 2013: Service begins for calendar year 2013
- After January 1, 2013: Final bills sent to subscribing libraries

Previously distributed institutional Login ID's and passwords remain valid.

If you did not obtain an ID/password, if you need general assistance, or if you have problems accessing or using the CARLI online selection system, please email the CARLI Office support@carli.illinois.edu with the subject line: CY2013 selection period.

"Selection System 101: Everything you need to know to work with the CARLI Selection System"

A podcast, ["Selection System 101: Everything you need to know to work with the CARLI Selection System"](#) is available on the CARLI web site. The 14-minute podcast covers the basics of navigating within the system and the e-resources that are available to the libraries there. (The podcast runs best using the Firefox, Chrome or Safari Internet browsers.) Libraries may want to consider reviewing this podcast before beginning or finalizing their selections in the current Calendar Year 2013 selection period.

Book Digitization Initiative Webinar

Over 7,200 books, serials, and pamphlets from over 45 CARLI member libraries have been digitized through the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative and are available on the [Internet Archive](#). Libraries have digitized organizational and community histories; archival documents; civil war journals; yearbooks; university monographs, magazines, and serials; Illinois history documents; and special collections materials.

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Register by noon the day prior to the workshop. You may also request an individual session by emailing the CARLI Office at support@carli.illinois.edu.

For more information about the program [visit the Book Digitization web page](#).

Preservation Tip: Appropriate Storage for Audiovisual Materials

Library collections should be housed in cool and dry environmental conditions. This especially holds true for audiovisual items. Film and magnetic media require lower temperature and relative humidity than books and paper. Due to the inherent chemical characteristics of the materials, they are more vulnerable to deterioration. Providing proper storage conditions for audiovisual materials can slow their decomposition for future use and digitization.

Film bases are made from three kinds of plastics: cellulose nitrate, cellulose acetate, and polyester. Nitrate has garnered the most attention, due its flammable nature, but is quite rare in most library collections. More common film bases are acetate, also called “safety film” (used generally from the 1920’s to the 1980’s), and polyester (1950’s to the present). As the acetate base deteriorates the acrid acetic acid is released (called “vinegar syndrome”), which can cause shrinking, warping, and general breakdown of the film. Polyester is the most stable of the film base plastics, but the emulsion layer is susceptible to shrinkage. The life of moving image film can be extended by storing materials in temperatures of 50°F or below and 20-35% relative humidity (RH). Freezing is appropriate for items already significantly damaged.

Magnetic media can be stored in 40-50°F and 25-40% RH for prolonged life. Humidity is a major factor in the deterioration of magnetic items because the chemical binder is very susceptible to hydrolysis. This causes “sticky shed,” the most common decomposition of magnetic tapes, and results in information loss when the binder fails and the magnetic tape separates from the base.

Rehousing audiovisual items is also a component of proper storage. Film should always be stored horizontally, while magnetic media should stand vertically. Films are often stored in original metal cans that have poor and irregular winds, which leads to uneven ventilation around the film and causes deterioration from acetic acid. Films should be housed in polypropylene (an inert plastic) cans and reeled onto archival cores, with a Mylar leader attached to the head and tail of the film. Many polypropylene cans also have slots to allow air circulation around the film. Magnetic media that are already in plastic cases, such as VHS tapes, should remain in the case. If open reel tapes are in acidic cardboard or other plastics, rehousing into polypropylene is advised. If there is informational content on the old cans or boxes, the labels or entire object should be kept or at least photo-documented.

Film and magnetic media are at risk of deterioration due to the inherent characteristics of the materials, but unstable environmental conditions contribute extensively to damage. Keeping audiovisual collections in low temperatures and relative humidity, as well as proper archival housings, can effectively slow the decomposition process of these materials and continue the possibility of access in the future.

Resources for more information:

National Film Preservation Foundation Film Preservation Guide: [The Basics for Archives, Libraries, and Museums](#), 2004.

Image Permanence Institute (IPI) [Storage Guide for Acetate Film](#), 1993.

Other Library News

ILEAD USA National Day of Application November 1, 2012

ILEAD USA (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover): The 21st Century Technology and Leadership Skills Institute for the States will hold a “National Day of Application” on November 1 featuring a live Webinar from 10:00 am–12 noon. During the Webinar ILEAD USA project directors will examine and explain all facets of completing the rigorous and competitive ILEAD USA applications and any questions you may have.

For more information or to register, visit the ["National Day of Application" Webinar event page](#).

[ILEAD USA](#) will be held at the University of Illinois Springfield on March 25–28, June 17–20, and October 21–24, 2013 and will be hosted by the Illinois State Library and its state partners Colorado, Iowa, Ohio and Utah.

The Illinois State Library is accepting applications until December 14 for mentors, instructors, and participants for ILEAD USA. ILEAD USA is a competitive, application-only program. Please consider [applying for one of the three components](#). Applications are currently being accepted for Illinois, Ohio and Utah, and will be available shortly for Colorado and Iowa.

ILEAD USA is made possible by a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant awarded to the State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Contact [Gwen Harrison](#) or [Debra Aggert](#) if you have questions.

Upcoming CARLI Meetings and Events

The CARLI Office will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday November 22-23.

Forums, Workshops and Training

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- November 9 CARLI Governing Directors Meeting, I-Hotel, Champaign
- November 9 CARLI Annual Meeting, I-Hotel, Champaign

Meetings

- November 1 I-Share Resource Sharing Team
- November 5 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
- November 8 I-Share Users' Group
- November 12 E-Resources Working Group
- November 14 I-Share OPAC Team
- November 14 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team
- November 15 Collections Working Group
- November 15 Public Services Working Group
- November 16 I-Share Instruction Team
- November 21 Digital Collections Users' Group
- November 28 Executive Committee

- December 3 I-Share Cataloging and Authority Control Team
- December 7 CARLI Board, Southern Illinois University of Illinois School of Medicine, Springfield
- December 10 E-Resources Working Group
- December 11 Preservation Working Group
- December 12 I-Share OPAC Team
- December 12 I-Share Acquisitions and Serials Team
- December 19 Digital Collections Users' Group

Consult the [CARLI calendar](#) for the most current list of meeting times and locations.

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