

## CARLI Preservation Committee White Paper

During the past year, the Preservation Committee has undertaken several initiatives designed to increase awareness and knowledge of preservation methods and techniques across the broad spectrum of CARLI libraries. We have held a number of educational events, including a forum on mold remediation and webinars on preservation assessment and environmental monitoring.

In addition to live outreach, the members of the Preservation Committee have regularly contributed content to the CARLI blog and newsletter on a wide range of preservation topics. Titles of these entries are: “Shelving Commandments”, “The Challenge of AV Preservation and Access”, “Creating a Disaster Plan”, “Disaster Preparedness and Developing Relationships with Local Emergency Responders”, “Emergency Supply Cart”, “Digital Preservation”, and “Training Students.”

As part of our mission to provide preservation guidance to CARLI member libraries, we have also compiled the following list of recommended web resources:

### A. Preservation training for digital preservation links

- Digital POWRR: <http://digitalpowrr.niu.edu>
- LC DPOE calendar of trainings:  
<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/education/courses/index.html>
- “Digital Preservation: An Introduction to the Basic Concepts”:  
<http://www.ala.org/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/pres/101710digital>;  
an ALA online tutorial, free and accessible anytime
- CARLI Digital Preservation Webinar Series:  
<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/contentdm/digital-preservation-webinar-series>

### B. Preservation training for care of physical artifacts links

- Connecting to Collections: [www.connectingtocollections.org](http://www.connectingtocollections.org);  
webinars on and links about preservation topics, discussion list for collections care questions and answers
- Northeast Document Conservation Center: <http://nedcc.org>;  
courses, pamphlets, online course on preservation 101 (self-guided for free or instructor based for a fee)
- Campbell Center (Mount Carroll, IL): <http://www.campbellcenter.org>;  
short courses on conservation courses (fee includes lodging and meals, scholarships offered)
- Lyrisis: <http://www.lyrisis.org/Pages/events.aspx>;  
online 1-2 hour courses (some free) on preservation topics
- Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts: <http://www.ccaha.org>;

- leaflets on preservation and treatment of special objects
- Image Permanence Institute: <https://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/>;  
short videos of workshops

These recommended sites will be added to the more comprehensive list of web resources maintained by this committee. These can be found online at:

<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/preservation-resources>

The Preservation Committee's vision for future endeavors focuses strongly on outreach to all area libraries, with a special focus on smaller libraries with few resources for preservation. Several means of achieving this have been proposed. Among them are: creating informational pamphlets on preservation topics and calendars of preservation trainings, reaching out to libraries via direct contact by committee members, and creating a curriculum for preservation training that CARLI members can share with cultural organizations in their communities (public libraries, advertising to faculty of colleges, genealogy/historical societies, museums).

Possible curriculum topics:

- introduction to preservation basics
- archival materials and supplies
- preservation guidelines for storage and handling
- preservation on a shoestring
- preserving family history collections
- environmental guidelines

Possible methods to pass along curriculum

- webinar series
- in-person trainings
- informational pamphlets

Throughout the last year, the Preservation Committee has worked to increase knowledge and awareness about the importance of a wide range of preservation practices. This is an endeavor that requires continued effort and regular assessment of the needs of the various CARLI member libraries. We plan to continue providing practical advice for all types of libraries, with a particular focus on small libraries with limited resources.