

CARLI Preservation Working Group Annual Report, FY 2013

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Meetings: The Preservation Working Group (PWG) met six times during FY 2013 with meetings consisting of two in-person meetings (August 2012 and April 2013) and four conference calls (October and December 2012 and February and June 2013). The topic of these meetings was to plan activities and programming for FY 2013 and Fall of FY 2014.

Activities:

- Reviewed and provided input on the charge for the Preservation Committee which will replace the Preservation Working Group as of July 1, 2013 in the new CARLI committee structure.
- Maintained the Preservation Weblibliography on the CARLI website. The weblibliography contains Internet resources for preservation to guide member libraries on curatorial and preservation issues.
- Submitted *Preservation Tips* for the monthly CARLI Newsletter:
Staff Training for Everyday Preservation Practice: 7/2012
Not to Put Too Fine a Point on It: pH Pens: 8/2012
Vandalism: 9/2012
Appropriate Storage for Audiovisual Materials: 10/2012
The Impact of Use on Library Materials - Educating Library Patrons: 11/2012
Controlling Light Levels in Libraries and Archives: 12/2012
Apply for an NEH Preservation Assistance Grant This Year: 1/13
Assessment Strategies for Audiovisual Materials: 2/13
Celebrate Preservation Week, April 21-27, 2013: 4/2013
Disaster Recovery Vendors & Pre-Need Contracts: 5/2013

- Began to create periodic CARLI Blog entries on preservation topics. The longer length and the ability to add graphics allowed the group to present information on preservation topics in greater detail than the newsletter articles.
- Worked with the Digital Collections Users' Group on digital preservation issues. The joint group researched and submitted the successful proposal to the CARLI Program Planning Committee to bring Library of Congress trainers to Illinois in July 2013 for a train-the-trainers program on digital preservation.
- Presented the full-day forum with funding from the CARLI Program Planning Committee, "*Mold In Libraries: the Problem, the Risks and Some Solutions*," on May 5, 2013 at the Newberry Library in Chicago. This program was designed to help librarians and staff identify mold in library buildings and collections, the risks that mold poses to human health and collections, and options for remediation. Four presenters shared case studies from their careers in Illinois as well as post-Katrina Gulf Coast for 60 participants. Participants also toured the Newberry Library's operations and facilities, conservation laboratory, and current exhibitions.

Future Activities:

- The committee is currently planning a webinar for Fall 2013 to discuss options for collections condition surveys.
- The committee will continue to maintain the Preservation Webliography and contribute monthly articles to the CARLI Newsletter on preservation issues.