

Web sites redesigned

The Preservation Directorate of the Library of Congress (LC) redesigned and updated its Web site in acknowledgement of MayDay 2011. MayDay is an initiative promoted by Heritage Preservation to increase the emergency preparedness and response capabilities of cultural heritage organizations. LC's new Web site features information about emergency preparedness, protecting family treasures, collections care, preservation science, and where to get help. It also highlights the activities of the Preservation Directorate, including conservation projects, outreach opportunities, and upcoming lectures and events.

In response to recent events in Japan, there is a section called tsunamis, which offers advice about recovering cultural materials after floods and mudslides. The Web site can be found at www.loc.gov/preservation/.

The Society of American Archivists' (SAA) Preservation Section launched a revised Web site in recognition of ALA Preservation Week (April 24–30, 2011). The Web site is primarily devoted to activities of the Preservation Section, but it also has a downloadable 8 ½ by 11-inch poster that contains basic preservation advice. The Preservation Section partnered with the Preservation Programs at the National Archives to create the poster. The Web site can be found at www2.archivists.org/groups/preservation-section.

The poster is available free-of-charge at www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/2011%20Preservation%20Week%20Poster_0.pdf or www.archives.gov/preservation/records-emergency/pdf/may-day-poster-2011.pdf.

The Preservation Department at Yale University Library has revised and updated its Web site. In addition to information

about the department's activities, the Web site contains information about care and handling of library materials and videos of recent preservation lectures.

The videos include "But Storage is Cheap! . . . Preservation in the Age of Abundance" given by Abby Smith Rumsey, director of the Scholarly Communication Institute; "Paradoxes of Preservation—a Personal and Strategic Perspective on Crossing the Pond" given by Helen Shenton, executive director of the Harvard Library; and "Sustainable Stewardship: The New Thinking, Preservation Environments, and Building Operations" given by James J. Reilly, director of the Image Permanence Institute. The Web site can be found at www.library.yale.edu/about/departments/preservation/. The free videos are at www.library.yale.edu/about/departments/preservation/pres_lect_series.html.

NDIIPP report

The National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) at the Library of Congress released its 2010 report, "Preserving Our Digital Heritage," in March 2011. The 141-page report reviews the program's progress on four major goals: developing a growing national preservation network, creating a content collection plan that will seed a national collection, building a shared technical platform for networked preservation, and fostering public policy that is conducive to digital preservation. The next phase for NDIIPP includes expanding the National Digital Stewardship Alliance to all 50 states, developing cutting-edge tools and services for the Alliance, and encouraging public support for preserving digital content as the public good. In addition to the main body of the report, there are almost 100 pages of appendices.

The report is available free-of-charge at www.digitalpreservation.gov/library/resources/pubs/docs/NDIIPP2010Report_Post.pdf. 

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