

ARL publishes preservation resource guides

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has published seven comprehensive resource guides to the basic components of preservation programs. The guides provide normative information which can be used to evaluate existing preservation programs or provide the impetus for new initiatives. The titles are: *Options for Replacing and Reformatting Deteriorated Materials*; *Collections Conservation*; *Commercial Library Binding*; *Collections Maintenance and Improvement Programs*; *Disaster Preparedness*; *Staff Training and User Awareness in Preservation Management*; and *Organizing Preservation Activities*.

Copies are available for \$15 each, or \$70 for the set of seven, from the ARL, Publications Dept., Dept. #0692, Washington, DC 20073-0692. Orders must be prepaid. For more information, contact Gloria Haws, (202) 296-8656.

CPA distributes report on preservation issues in Archives

The Commission on Preservation and Access is distributing *The Preservation of Archival Materials*, the eight-page report of its Task Forces on Archival Selection. The Task Forces attempted to identify and consider a variety of issues important to the preservation of archival materials and to include a variety of viewpoints in the report. It is intended for a diverse audience: archivists; preservation professionals; administrators of institutions, facilities, professional organizations, networks or consortia; allocators of government or private funding; as well as, users of archival materials.

The Task Forces have also developed a decision model for assigning preservation priorities to archival materials, which is being tested by the Research Libraries Group, Inc. RLG will distribute the results of the test after it is completed.

Copies of *The Preservation of Archival Materials* are available for \$5 from the Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th Street, N.W., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036-2217. Orders must be prepaid. (Commission sponsors receive copies of all CPA publications



free-of-charge.) For more information, contact Sonny Koerner, (202) 939-3400.

Culpeper Foundation grant to CPA

The Commission on Preservation and Access (CPA) received a two-year, \$175,000 grant from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation. The funds will be used to support three major CPA programs; communications and publications (including the CPA

newsletter), two multi-day seminars for library school deans on "reconceptualizing" preservation education, and the College Libraries Committee.

The College Libraries Committee has been involved in a number of activities supporting preservation of smaller academic collections. At its most recent meeting, the Committee selected 22 participants for the second Preservation Management for College Libraries Seminar (to be held in July 1993) and committed itself to interest other organizations in sponsoring future PMCL seminars. The Committee has also been involved in the planning of Project IBID, a demonstration project designed to test the feasibility of storing out-of-print books in digital format and producing copies upon demand. The Committee's chair, Kathleen Spencer, has spoken at a briefing session for members of Congress and their staffs on the importance of the NEH Preservation Program for college libraries. The Committee's current members are: Willis E. Bridegam, Librarian at Amherst College; Barbara J. Brown, University Librarian at Washington & Lee University; David Cohen, Director of Libraries at the College of Charleston; Caroline M. Coughlin, Library Director at Drew University; Michael Haeuser, Head Librarian at Gustavus Adolphus College; and Kathleen Spencer, Library Director at Franklin & Marshall College. ■

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