

Be sure to read "Preserving the nation's intellectual heritage: A synthesis" by Sherry Byrne and Barbara Van Deventer in this issue of the *News*. It concisely reviews the role of major ARL libraries in the National Preservation Program and contains some interesting recommendations for the future. The *News* hopes this article will engender discussion about the role of all libraries in preserving our intellectual heritage.



AALL develops preservation program

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) has developed recommendations, guidelines, and prototypes for a national program to address the special preservation problems of law libraries. The program will be implemented using AALL's existing committee structure and is designed to raise "preservation consciousness" by involving a cross-section of its membership.

The recommendations for this program appear in *American Association of Law Libraries' Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries: Report and Recommendations*, which also includes assessments of the current condition of law library collections, the status of law library preservation programs, and the special preservation problems faced by law libraries. This report is available as an occasional paper from AALL, 53 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604.

CPA sponsors preservation science workshop

The Commission on Preservation and Access and Peter G. Sparks, former director of preservation at the Library of Congress, are developing a two-day invitational workshop on preservation science to be held in September 1992. Fourteen preservation administrators and a group of scientists engaged in preservation research will discuss how scientific research can inform preservation decision-making and problem-solving. The workshop has two important objectives: to provide preservation administrators with a better understanding of scientific research and its uses, and to provide scientists with a research agenda of specific technical problems.

Bentley Award supports preservation seminar

Dr. Margaret Child has received a Research Fellowship for the Study of Modern Archives from the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan. The fellowship supports a four-day preservation seminar for archivists which will focus on appraisal, documentation strategy, changing institutional practice,

and developing a national preservation plan for archives. Attendees have already been selected on the basis of their interest in these issues.

CPA plans preservation microfilm distribution facility

The Commission on Preservation and Access has received six responses to its request for a proposal for management of a preservation microfilm distribution facility. The central facility is needed to provide cost-effective access to the 450,000 titles which will be preserved on microfilm by the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of Preservation and Access Brittle Books program.

Fox reports on NARA meeting

Lisa Fox, Manager of Preservation Field Services at SOLINET, has prepared a two-page summary of several presentations made at the National Archives and Records Administration Annual Preservation Conference in March 1992. New research on environmental standards for paper-based materials and effective fire protection for compact shelving is of particular interest to librarians. Free copies of the summary are available from SOLINET, 1438 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; (800) 999-8558. ■

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