California Preservation Program Website CalPreservation.org: Built and maintained by the California Preservation Program (CPP), this website addresses the collection preservation needs of libraries, archives, and other document-collecting institutions. It contains documents on education and training of staff and the public; disaster preparedness, response, and salvage for collections; collections management; and much more. The CPP also hosts a forum for asking preservation questions and exchanging information; see CalPreservation.org “Join the Discussion List”.

Emergency Toll-Free Number: A 24/7 toll-free number for California cultural institutions whose collections have been damaged and need preservation assistance. Call 1-888-905-7737 for immediate advice; CPP consultants are available for on-site assistance when needed.

Regional Disaster Response Networks: Who better to lend you assistance when you have an emergency that damages collections and affects services than the libraries in your region? Now picture their staff and yours trained to handle thousands of wet books. Then add a nearby cargo container with enough supplies for 40,000 books and you have a Regional Disaster Network. The CPP is encouraging the formation of such networks throughout the State; email info@CalPreservation.org if you would like to join or start a regional disaster response network in your area.

Disaster Preparedness and Response Training: These 2-part workshops are designed to help libraries prepare a written disaster response plan for their collections. Check CalPreservation.org “Programs & Workshops” for currently available workshops. Workshops also are available upon request for regional networks and professional organizations.

Building Risk Assessments for Collection Protection: Subsidized risk assessment surveys are available for your institution. These surveys focus on potential building and site-related risks to collections and recommend actions for their mitigation or elimination. See CalPreservation.org “Consulting Services” to inquire about risk assessment surveys.

Preservation Consulting: The California Preservation Program provides subsidized preservation consulting services to libraries that serve the public. Consultants provide assessment, guidance, and administrative recommendations on disaster preparedness and response for collections, collection maintenance for current service and long-term preservation, library building design and construction, and preservation program planning and assessment. See CalPreservation.org “Consulting Services” or email info@CalPreservation.org for assistance.

Book Repair Training: Basic and intermediate hands-on repair workshops are conducted by experienced California library staff. Attendees learn decision-making and repair techniques for appropriate actions to extend the useable life of circulating collections. Basic and intermediate one-day workshops also are available through Infopeople. See CalPreservation.org “Programs & Workshops” and www.infopeople.org for further information.

“Hold On to the Memories: Saving Family Treasures” Workshop: How do library staff answer questions from the public on saving their family treasures? At this workshop, library staff learn not only to answer questions, but also to present programs at their own libraries using handouts, brochures and presentation tools. See CalPreservation.org “Programs & Workshops” for further information.

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