

Heritage Preservation

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Disaster Response Networks

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Bay Area Mutual Aid Network (BAMAN)

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/baman/>

The Bay Area Mutual Aid Network is an organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting disaster preparedness and response among its member libraries. The goals of BAMAN are: to facilitate a network of people willing to help each other in times of local disaster with advice, support, or actual recovery assistance; to ensure the continuing viability of the network; and to establish and stock at least one or more disaster response supplies container.

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Charleston Archives, Libraries, and Museums (CALM)

<http://calm-sc.blogspot.com>

CALM is a network of preservation professionals living and working in the Charleston, South Carolina, area. They hold periodic disaster training workshops for professionals, as well as share information, expertise, and supplies with various organizations in their region. Nonmembers may also benefit from the network.

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Cultural Emergency Management Team

www.nedcc.org/cemt/cemt.htm

This volunteer group of cultural preservation specialists, first responders, and representatives of FEMA and state and local emergency agencies has met monthly since February 2004. CEMT is an outgrowth of the Alliance for Response Forum sponsored by Heritage Preservation and held at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston in November 2003. Its goal is to function as a clearinghouse and portal to local resources for both the cultural heritage and emergency management communities. A new Web site is under development, and subcommittees on planning, logistics, administration, and operations are being organized.

Heritage Emergency Response Alliance

The Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA) is an affiliation of institutions and persons interested in preserving the cultural heritage within the Metro Atlanta area and serving as a resource to cultural institutions in Georgia. HERA's strategy is to enhance disaster preparedness through networking and information sharing, encouraging disaster planning, providing opportunities

for training, interacting with local and state emergency management, preparing to respond collectively to disasters in the region, and identifying existing resources needed after a disaster.

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Inland Empire Libraries Disaster Response Network (IELDRN)

www.ieldrn.org

IELDRN is a cooperative network of public and academic libraries in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Eastern Los Angeles Counties that work together to prepare for and recover from disasters. The Web site provides sample disaster plans and hazard surveys.

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Kansas Disaster Recovery Assistance Network (K-DRAN)

www.kshs.org/archives/kdran.htm

K-DRAN encourages libraries, archives, and museums to develop their own disaster plans and to practice disaster prevention methods. They also provide Kansas institutions with access to a library of disaster planning, preparedness, and recovery resources. In a disaster, they will aid fellow institutions in their immediate recovery.

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Los Angeles Preservation Network, Inc. (LAPNet)

www.usc.edu/org/LAPnet/

LAPNet serves librarians, archivists, conservators, and records managers in Los Angeles city and county by fostering the development of cooperative preservation programs among local libraries and serving as an information exchange on preservation concerns. LAPNet conducts periodic workshops on disaster planning for the Los Angeles area. They have also created a comprehensive list of local disaster services, supplies, and suppliers. The Web site provides resources for disaster preparedness, preservation planning, and response and recovery.

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Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage

<http://macch.org>

The Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage is a statewide nonprofit organization composed

of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and preservation networks. Their purpose is to promote the protection and preservation of Michigan's cultural and humanities resources. The Web site provides information on disaster preparedness and response, as well as a comprehensive list of supplies, services, and equipment. Contact: Carol Fink, cfink2@michigan.gov

Mountain Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (MACREN)

MACREN serves as a resource-sharing network for cultural institutions in the Asheville area of Western North Carolina. Members include national parks, NC State historic sites, private historic sites and museums, and state, public, and church archives. MACREN assists member organizations in managing and mitigating collections-related emergencies. They provide personnel, expertise, and supplies, and act as a regional leader in collections preservation and disaster preparedness and awareness. Contact: Diana Sanderson, Asheville School, 888-254-6345 x 4054, sandersond@ashevilleschool.org

Palmetto Archives, Libraries, and Museums Council on Preservation

www.state.sc.us/scdah/palmcop/palmcop.html

PALMCOP provides its membership with help in preserving their collections. They hold periodic hands-on training workshops for preservation professionals around the state, as well as share information and perform site visits in an emergency. Any entity or individual with a paper or film collection of library, archival, or museum materials or records—either public or private—is invited to join PALMCOP.

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Philadelphia Alliance for Response

Three follow-up meetings have resulted from the Philadelphia Alliance for Response Forum in June 2007, and much progress has been made. The city's emergency management agency asked local cultural institutions for specific emergency contacts. The group is also working on incident notification systems for cultural heritage institutions and an official link to the city's Emergency Operations Center. Mutual aid agreements are under consideration, and a series of disaster education activities will take place in 2008.

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San Diego/Imperial County Libraries Disaster Response Network (SILDRN)

<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/sildrn/>

SILDRN is a regional cooperative organization. Its purpose is to provide mutual aid in preparing for and coping with disasters affecting libraries and their collections. The Web site includes planning, recovery and supplier information, as well as mutual aid agreements. Contact: David Jahn, djahn@ucsd.edu

The Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance (VMGA)

www.vmga.org

VMGA initiated an Emergency Response Team consisting of 15 people from cultural institutions around the state. Team members attended a two-day "Disaster Camp" in fall 2003, and they have been outfitted with personal safety equipment. Team members have an understanding of the incident command system, risk assessment, damage assessment, activating an emergency plan, salvage strategies, and health and safety issues.

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