

Heritage Preservation

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Cooperative Disaster Networks

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Bay Area Mutual Aid Network (BAMAN)

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

BAMAN 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 on-site recovery assistance; to ensure the viability of the network; and to establish and stock additional containers of disaster response supplies.

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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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Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness Network

Newly formed network of primarily museums and historical societies in the California Coachella Valley area, organized around mutual assistance, shared response supplies, and training.

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Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness: Massachusetts (COSTEP MA)

www.nedcc.org/disaster/costep.php

COSTEP MA consists of representatives from numerous state agencies, museums, libraries, historical societies, and local, state, and federal emergency management agencies. Meetings focus on building alliances between the cultural and emergency management communities with the ultimate goal of developing and maintaining a statewide disaster preparedness plan for cultural resources. Committees on hazards, vulnerability, and mitigation; geographic information system and planning; content; outreach; training and assistance; and sustainability provide input and information.

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Disaster Response Group (DIRG)/Oregon Library Association Preservation Round Table

<http://sites.google.com/site/disasterresponsegroup>

The Disaster Response Group (DIRG) is a cooperative disaster planning and response group consisting of representatives from libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions within the greater Portland, Oregon area. The mission of DIRG is to provide education, support, and resources for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery for libraries and archives in our region. The Web site provides documents and resources for aiding in emergency preparedness.

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Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA)

www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/index.html

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 around the state. HERA aims to enhance disaster preparedness through networking, information sharing, increased awareness and encouragement of disaster planning, and training.

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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, and the network stocks disaster supplies.

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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. K-DRAN also provides Kansas institutions with access to a library of disaster planning, preparedness, and recovery resources. In a disaster, K-DRAN 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. It has 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.

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. Its 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.

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Mountain Area Cultural Resources Emergency Network (MACREN)

MACREN is a resource-sharing network for cultural institutions in the Asheville area of Western North Carolina. Members include national parks, state and private historic sites and museums, and state, public, and church archives. MACREN assists members in managing and mitigating collections-related emergencies. It provides personnel, expertise, and supplies, and acts as a regional leader in collections preservation and disaster preparedness and awareness.

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Palmetto Archives, Libraries, and Museums Council on Preservation (PALMCOP)

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

PALMCOP provides its membership with help in preserving collections. It holds periodic hands-on training workshops for preservation professionals around the state, and shares information and perform site visits in an emergency.

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Philadelphia Alliance for Response

www.heritagepreservation.org/AfR/index.html

Philadelphia Alliance for Response is a network of archive, library, museum, and emergency management representatives resulting from an Alliance for Response Forum in June 2007. Meetings educate the group on mutual aid agreements, fire department inspections, continuity of operations planning, and similar topics. The network is forging strong links to the city emergency management agency.

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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, and mutual aid agreements. The Network has regional disaster supply containers.

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Vermont Emergency Response Team for Cultural Institutions (VERTCI)

www.vmgga.org/aboutVMGA/disaster.html#team

VERTCI helps prepare cultural institutions for disasters and responds to emergencies through coordinated efforts with state agencies, local governments, and citizens. Team members from around the state have received training on the incident command system, risk and damage assessment, activating an emergency plan, salvage strategies, and health and safety issues. Team members can assist with response at museums, historical societies, libraries, and town halls.

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Virginia Museum Emergency Support Teams (VAMEST)

www.vamest.org

VAMEST is one component of an emergency response structure created by the Virginia Association of Museums. These regional teams cooperate on planning efforts and receive training to assist neighboring institutions during emergencies. A statewide response team can provide additional triage and salvage assistance.

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