



Cooperative Preservation in Washington/PNW

- Collections conservation training
 - Swimming Upstream Conference
 - Washington Preservation Initiative
 - Preservation Management Institute
 - Preservation 101
 - Seattle Alliance for Response
 - Western states and Territories Preservation Service
- New Opportunity: Collaborative disaster planning

1) Collections Conservation Training An Initial Effort

- Part of national project coordinated by Lynn Jones and Barclay Ogden, UC Berkeley
- Common curriculum; regional implementation
- 1994-95 University of Washington NEH grant
- Trained 11 conservation technicians from 3 states

1998 RAP Meeting

- No regional conservation center – PNW/West
- Regional Alliance for Preservation (RAP)
- ALA Midwinter January 1998 RAP meeting
 - Possible outreach programs in the PNW – lack of preservation training opportunities.
 - Mark Watson, University of Oregon and Gary Menges, University of Washington
- NEDCC School for Scanning, September 18-20, 2000, Seattle at UW

2) Swimming Upstream

- “Swimming Upstream: Cooperatively Preserving Collections in the Pacific Northwest” September 21, 2000, University of Washington
- Normandy Helmer, University of Oregon, idea of having a regional preservation conference in conjunction with School for Scanning.
- RAP: Steve Dalton, Tom Clareson, Julie Arnott, Jill Rawnsley
- Barbara Smith, IMLS, and Barbara Paulson, NEH

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

- Our Vision for Preservation in the Pacific Northwest
<http://www.lib.washington.edu/Preservation/vision.html>
- In your packets

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

First Steps

- Establish a regional preservation list – Preservenw at the UW – 335 subscribers; flyer in your packets
- Preservation program at OLA/WLA in Portland April 19, 2002. “Preservation in a Digital Age” - Abby Smith, CLIR and a panel Karin Ford, Kris Kern, and Gary Menges

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

First Steps

- Investigate the use of LSTA funds for preservation - lead to the establishment of the Washington Preservation Initiative (WPI).
- Investigate doing a planning assessment of regional preservation needs (WPI survey tool)

OCLC

Preservation Services Center

- Partly as a result of Swimming Upstream discussions Preservation Services Center established in Lacey, Washington in 2002 to provide microfilming and digitization services – Meg Bellenger and Karin Ford
- Digital and preservation workshops – Gayle Palmer

3) Washington Preservation Initiative (WPI)

- Proposal submitted February 2001 to WSL; funded (LSTA) but funding deferred in order to continue funding for the State Database Licensing Project
- Funded in for three years beginning in 2002-2003; total of \$615,000. (WSL does three year initiatives)
- Goal: “To help libraries safeguard Washington’s cultural heritage.”

WPI Advisory Group

- Gurand Aurand, WSU/Private conservator
- Susan Barrett, WSL
- Jill Bourne, Seattle Public Library
- Lee Dirks, Microsoft Corporation
- Kathryn Hamilton-Wang, WSL
- Gary Menges, UW, Chair
- Eric Palo, Renton Technical College
- Linda Pierce, Gonzaga University

WPI State-wide Survey

- Preservation Needs Assessment Survey– contracted with OCLC’s Digital and Preservation Services Division – Tom Clareson.
- Mail survey plus targeted telephone interviews.
- Completed in 2004
- Intent was that the survey instrument could be used in other states.

WPI: Survey Results

- Low priority, low funding levels, and low staffing levels for preservation in the State.
- Strong support for the WPI program.

WPI: Survey Results

- Needs:
 - For funding for preservation projects
 - For preservation training
 - For preservation assessment surveys to help individual libraries to identify and prioritize preservation needs.
- WPI provided funding to address these needs through grants, workshops and assessments.

WPI Grants

- 72% of the LSTA funding went to preservation project grants.
- 31 competitive grants
- Wide range of projects: duplication of photographic negatives, microfilming, deacidification, conservation treatments
- Wide range of materials: books, films, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, photographs, scrapbooks

WPI Additional Grants

- 4 grants for environmental monitoring – IPI
- 8 subsidized grants for preservation assessments (21 recent preservation surveys in Washington various sources of funding.)
- Handout in your packets on WPI grants

WPI Workshops

- 36 workshops with over 900 registrants
- Book repair, disaster planning, fund raising, integrated pest management, library binding, mold, and the preservation of architectural drawings, audio visual media, photographs, and scrapbooks

WPI Workshop Model

- Most offered in two locations
 - Seattle area
 - Spokane area
- Free registration
- Space for the workshops complimentary – no rental fees

WPI Workshop



WPI WORKSHOP



WPI Other Activities

- Distribution of Heritage Preservation's *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* and their *Field Guide to Emergency Response*.
- Distributed book repair kits to very small libraries in the State.

WPI Program Impact

- As an assessment of WPI's programs we commissioned a telephone survey of selected WPI participants and State Library program administrators. Tom Clareson completed in October 2006.

WPI Program Impact

- "The level of satisfaction with the program is extremely high and the impact of the program has been high as well."
- "WPI was recognized for going beyond library types and geographic boundaries seen in many statewide programs." (academic, museum, school, and tribal libraries not just public)

WPI Program Impact

- One WSL program administrator said that, "No other continuing education program has had this great of a reception in the past 10 years."
- "This effort allowed people from all over the state to learn about preservation. Before WPI, they had very few opportunities."

Post WPI Funding

- High rating of WPI by members of the Library Council WSL advisory group
- Decision to allocate additional LSTA funds for preservation grants.
- 2006-2007 Year 4 - \$99,516 - 7 grants
- 2007-2008 Year 5 - \$91,789 – 7 grants

4) PMI

- PNW Preservation Management Institute
- Focused on intensive training in preservation
- Three weeks of training at UW in 2004-05 over a period of 8 months
- 23 librarians, archivists and museum curators from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

PMI

- Funded by an IMLS National Leadership grant to NEDCC in partnership with CCAHA, Amigos, OCLC, SOLINET, and the UW Libraries.
- Included travel funding
- NEDCC: Ann Russell, Steve Dalton, and Lori Foley

PMI

- PMI expanded our “core” of training preservation professionals in PNW.
- Train the trainer: Two of the trainees, Stephanie Carter and Eric Palo, were community college library directors and they provided training to other CC directors – train the trainer model.

PMI



5) Preservation 101

- An online distance education program to provide preservation training to staff from smaller libraries, archives, historical societies, and museums– Alaska, Oregon, and Washington. Some in remote locations.
- Fall 2006 – 20 students. Lori Foley, NEDCC, took the leadership on P101
- Funded by the IMLS PMI grant

6) Seattle Alliance for Response Forum

- Heritage Preservation sponsored
- Seattle: June 15, 2006 at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle
- Purpose was to initiate a dialog between cultural institutions and first responders to improve local response to disasters

Seattle Alliance for Response Forum Planning Committee

- Nicholas Dorman, Seattle Art Museum
- John Fitzgerald, National Archives and Records Administration
- Leonard Garfield, Museum of History and Archives
- Claudia McCain, Seattle Public Library
- Gary Menges, University of Washington
- Eric Palo, Renton Technical College
- Jeff Parsons, Washington Emergency Management

Seattle Alliance for Response Forum

- 86 archivists, conservators, librarians, museum curators, emergency managers, firemen, policemen, etc.
- Evaluations – bringing together people who didn't know each; people who wouldn't meet in the course of their normal work lives or conference going

Seattle Alliance for Response Forum



7) Western States and Territories Preservation Service

- WESTPAS is a NEH funded grant project to provide preservation training on disaster preparedness, emergency response and collection salvage
- Workshops in 40 locations in 10 states and three territories in the Western and Pacific regions.
- Disaster help line – 24x7
- January 2007 – December 2008

WESTPAS

- Model for how to provide preservation services in a region without a regional conservation center
 - Six preservation librarians in California, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington
 - Uses a fiscal agent (Peninsula Library System)
- New proposal submitted to NEH
 - Additional disaster planning workshops
 - Risk management workshops

Thanks!

- The activities/accomplishments I've described today were possible only through the efforts of many people and organizations:
 - **Funders:** IMLS, NEH, WSL
 - **Organizations:** NEDCC, CCAHA, SOLINET, AMIGOS, PALINET, Balboa, OCLC
 - **Individuals:** Instructors in workshops (WPI -15) and those who have served on advisory and planning committees as well as those who have participated in the various programs and workshops.

Cooperative Preservation in Washington/PNW

- Training: Collections Conservation/ WPI workshops, PMI, Preservation 101
- Projects: 43 WSL preservation grants
- Emergency Management: WPI, WESTPAS and Alliance for Response Forum
- Tools: Vision, cultural institutions working together, listserv to communicate, OCLC Preservation Service Center in Lacey
- Challenge: How can built on this?

FUTURE

C2C State-wide Preservation Conference

- 1) *Collaborative disaster planning*
- 2) Building sustainable institutional preservation programs
- 3) Raising public awareness of preservation
- 4) Building a sustainable statewide preservation program.

COLLABORATIVE DISASTER PLANNING



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- Cultural institutions have formed networks to encourage and support disaster preparedness and response among their members.
- The Heritage Preservation handout called *Disaster Response Networks* lists some examples of these networks and provides their websites.

COLLABORATIVE DISASTER PLANNING

- Portals
 - Disaster Plan Template
 - Cold storage agreement
 - Workshops – fees
 - 18 members in the Portland area
 - <http://www.portals.org/members/disaster.shtml>

COLLABORATIVE DISASTER PLANNING

- San Diego/Imperial County Disaster Response Network (SILDRN)
 - Founded in 1995
 - Mutual aid agreement
 - Disaster supplies in three locations
 - Lists of disaster supply sources and vendors in San Diego
 - 23 members in San Diego area
 - <http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/sildrn/>

COLLABORATIVE DISASTER PLANNING

- Small group discussion handout
 - What geographic areas in Washington might be good candidates for a disaster response network?
 - What should be the components of these networks?
 - How might you go about organizing a network in your area?
 - What state-wide services should be provided to support these networks?
 - What other issues need to be addressed by the working group for this issue?

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