

## Sustainable Government-Funded Statewide Preservation Programs

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## Initial Preservation Activities

- Florence Flood (1966)
- Regional preservation centers
- Institution-based preservation activities
- National Conference on the Development of  
Statewide Preservation Programs,  
Washington, D.C. (1989)

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## New York

- New York State Program for the  
Conservation and Preservation of Library  
Research Materials (1984)
  - Three major components
    - Statutory Aid to the eleven Comprehensive  
Research Libraries (CRL) (\$1,000,000)
    - Coordinated grants to the CRLs (\$350,000)
    - Discretionary Grant Program (\$500,000)

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## New York

- Impact of grants to CRLs
- Coordinated Grants
- Discretionary Grant Program
- Administration of the Program

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## California

- Initial activity was centered at University of California Berkeley
- 1990 - Library and archival communities began strategic planning for statewide preservation program
- 1991 - With L.S.C.A. funds contracted with UCB to develop a survey tool

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## California

- 1992 - Task Force convened to develop goals and objectives for a statewide preservation plan based on results of Calipr
- 1994 - California Preservation Program (CPP) was established

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## California

- Two major components emphasized in the beginning
  - Preservation Information Center
  - Preservation Funding Program

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## California

- California Preservation Program components
  - Website is [calpreservation.org](http://calpreservation.org)

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## California

- State Library funding for the CPP is through L.S.T.A.
- Other funding is through grants and institutional contributions

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## California

- CPP Services in Development
- CPP organizational model
- Sustainability

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## Massachusetts

- Early activities focused on individual item treatment and institutional activities
- Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners created the position of Preservation Specialist (1988)

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## Massachusetts

- Massachusetts Preservation Needs Assessment Survey (1989)
- Massachusetts Task Force on the Theft and Mutilation of Library and Archival Materials (1990)
- Massachusetts Task Force on Permanent Paper (1990)

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## Massachusetts

- NEH Statewide Preservation Planning Grant (1990)
- Library Services and Construction Act
  - (L.S.C.A.) Long Range Program, 1991-1996

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## Massachusetts

- “Massachusetts Cultural Resources Disaster Planning and Mitigation Task Force (1996-1999)
- Environmental Monitoring Program (1996- )

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## Massachusetts

- Massachusetts Special Collections Directory (1997)
- MBLC’s Emergency Assistance Program (1998- )

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## Massachusetts

- IMLS National Leadership Grant (2002)
- *Alliance for Response*
- Cultural Emergency Response Team (CEMT) (2004)

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## Massachusetts

- IMLS National Leadership Grant (2006)
- MBLC, MEMA, FEMA collaboration regarding Disaster Recovery Centers and public libraries (2007- )

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## Historic Documents and Records Preservation Programs

- Funding sources within certain states targeted at the preservation of municipal and “historic” documents
  - New York
  - New Jersey
  - Virginia
  - Connecticut
  - Maine
  - Massachusetts

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## Conclusions

- Three states and three different approaches to a government-funded statewide preservation program
- New York
- California
- Massachusetts

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## Conclusions

- Historic Documents and Records Preservation Programs

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## Conclusions

- Crucial components of a sustainable government-funded statewide preservation program

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