

### Persistence of memory

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) and the Museum Computer Network (MCN) are sponsoring "Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets" November 1–2, 2005, in Boston, Massachusetts. This two-day conference will present best practices for long-term retention of digital resources and address organizational, financial, and technological challenges to digital preservation.

The conference costs \$285. Registration deadline is October 21, 2005. (It is a preconference to the MCN 2005 conference and separate registrations are required.) For more information, contact Ginny Hughes, NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; phone: (978) 470-1010; fax: (978) 475-6021; e-mail [ghughes@nedcc.org](mailto:ghughes@nedcc.org); URL: [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org).

### Insurance manual

ALA's Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) has published *Risk and insurance management manual for libraries* by Mary Breighner, vice-president of FM Global, and William Payton, director of risk and insurance management at the University of Missouri.

This book is intended to help those responsible for library assets to protect them from loss due to natural or man-made disasters. It includes chapters about risk management philosophy, risk identification, quantification and evaluation, loss prevention, risk financing, insurance, new construction, and claims.

The book costs \$36 for ALA members or \$40 for nonmembers. To order, call (866) Shop-ALA or visit the ALA online store at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org).

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### NPO storage conference

The National Preservation Office (NPO) in the British Library has published *Where Shall We Put It? Spotlight on Collection Storage Issues*, papers from a conference held on October 4, 2004. The presentations included are "The future of collection storage" by Helen Shenton; "The preservation environment: Diagnosis and treatment" by Jim Reilly; "Where is it? The future of moving national collections and how new technology in the commercial sector can help with tracking and moving" by Reg Allen; "An alternative for the long-term storage of archival records—A salt mine in Cheshire" by Anna Bülow and Tom Gregan; "Say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place': Moving the John Rylands Library" by John Hodgson; "CASS: Exploring the benefits of joint storage in Scotland" by Neil Dumbleton; and "A UK first: An automated, high-density solution for the British Library" by Dawn Olney.

The proceedings are available as a free 642 KB PDF at [www.bl.uk/services/npoc/conf2004.pdf](http://www.bl.uk/services/npoc/conf2004.pdf).

### PREMIS data dictionary

The Preservation Metadata: Implementation Strategies Working Group (PREMIS) has published *Data dictionary for preservation metadata: Final report of the PREMIS working group*, which contains a description of the PREMIS data model, the data dictionary (version 1.0), examples, a description of the methodology, implementation considerations, special topics, and a glossary. As noted in the introduction, the data dictionary "defines and describes an implementable set of core preservation metadata with broad applicability to digital preservation repositories . . . not intended to be fixed and final . . ."

For up-to-date information about PREMIS activities or to access a free 237-page PDF copy of the publication, visit [www.oclc.org/research/projects/pmwg/](http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/pmwg/). ❧