

### AIC-CERT

The American Institute for Conservation (AIC) is creating a Collections Emergency Response Training program (CERT) with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. AIC will organize and train a volunteer team of approximately 60 conservation, library, archive, and museum professionals to respond to cultural collection emergencies. Volunteers for the team will be required to complete FEMA's Incident Command System training program (IS-100), be fit-tested for a respirator, maintain recommended immunizations, supply materials and personal equipment, and attend an AIC advanced training workshop. The four-and-a-half day workshop will cover emergency response procedures, damage assessment methods, salvage techniques, and the organization and management of a recovery operation. It will be offered three times in 2007. May 14–18 it will be held in Charleston, South Carolina; October 15–19 in Shepherdstown, West Virginia; and November 12–16 in Seattle, Washington.

Volunteers must complete an application form and will be selected on a competitive basis. For more information, contact Eric Pourchot, professional development director, AIC, 1717 K St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; phone: (202) 452-9545, ext. 12; e-mail: epourchot@aic-faic.org; URL: <http://aic.stanford.edu/education/workshops/>.

### IMLS conservation initiative

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has launched a new program, "Connecting to Collections: The IMLS Conservation Initiative." This program has three components: a national conservation summit in Washington, D.C. in June 2007 followed by regional summits during 2007 and 2008, a group of core texts about collection care

called a "conservation bookshelf" that will be distributed to summit participants, and \$500,000 in grant funds for statewide preservation plans. These activities are intended to raise public awareness about the value of collections and to address the problems and solutions identified in the Heritage Preservation national survey, *A Public Trust at Risk: A Report of the Heritage Health Index*.

For a complete text of the speech made by Anne-Imelda Radice, director of IMLS, at the Heritage Preservation Annual Meeting, see [www.imls.gov/news/speeches/111506.shtm](http://www.imls.gov/news/speeches/111506.shtm).

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### SOLINET workshop schedule

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET, Inc.) has several online courses in its winter 2007 class schedule. SOLINET will conduct the three-part "Developing a Disaster Plan" on February 21, March 7, and March 21; "Introduction to Grants for Preservation" on February 28; "Caring for Originals During Scanning Projects" on March 1; "Preserving Oral Histories" on March 22; "Caring for Scrapbooks" on March 27; and "Metadata for Digitization and Preservation" on April 12. All the sessions are two hours long and most are scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m.

The three session workshop costs \$145 for SOLINET members and \$185 for non-members. The single session workshops cost \$100 for members and \$140 for non-members.

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