

The Wrath of Floods! **Preparedness and Recovery for Archives & Library Collections**

North Carolina Preservation Consortium Annual Conference
The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
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The State Library of North Carolina reported damages to library collections from the flooding that followed hurricane Floyd ranging from total devastation to minor losses. Material on loan and private collections were also damaged in public residences. Will the next flood claim more historical and cultural treasures? Disaster planning and salvage techniques can significantly reduce the risk to your library and archives collections. This preservation conference will assist you in:

- Developing a disaster plan
- Documenting damages
- Salvaging water damaged material
- Contacting preservation and conservation resources

The conference is open to archivists, librarians, curators, and others responsible for the preservation of historical, cultural, and scholarly collections; personnel responsible for assisting with disaster logistics; leaders responsible for approving and implementing disaster and salvage plans; and the general public seeking to preserve their private collections and family heritage.

Morning Refreshments (8:00 AM - 9:00 AM)

An opportunity to meet with colleagues and share information and experience with recent or past flooding.

NCPC Pre-Conference Business Meeting (9:00 AM)

Budget report and announcements. Election of new officers and members to the board of directors. NCPC members only.

Opening Address (10:00 AM)

Betty Ray McCain, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources, has been one of North Carolina's most influential cultural leaders. Secretary McCain holds degrees from St. Mary's College, UNC Chapel Hill and Columbia University, and has received four honorary degrees from North Carolina colleges and universities. She is the chair of the North Carolina Heritage Tourism Advisory Committee and a member of boards and committees for many other organizations. Secretary McCain will address the impact on students, scholars, and the public when archive and library collections are lost to disasters.

Presentations

Mary Boccaccio, Special Collections Librarian at East Carolina University, will present an overview of ECU's hurricane Floyd flood documentation project. The collection will include photographs, videos, oral interviews, newspaper articles, essays, statistics, and other material. Samples from the collection on display will illustrate the destruction of eastern North Carolina's material culture.

Pamela Hackbart-Dean, Chair of the Society of American Archivists' Preservation Section and Archivist/Assistant Head of the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies at the University of Georgia Libraries, will discuss prevention, protection, and planning for disasters in libraries and archives. She has taught disaster preparedness and recovery workshops, and given presentations on disaster planning. She also has experience with disaster recovery involving floods and mold.

Nancy Kraft, Preservation Librarian at the Iowa State Historical Society, will address flood recovery for cultural materials. She is the co-editor of the Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium Flood Recovery Booklet, and worked with state agencies and conservation consultants to disseminate information to flood victims following the Iowa flood of 1993.

Julie Arnott, Southeastern Library Network Preservation Services Manager, will provide information about SOLINET's preservation field service program which offers emergency disaster assistance to individuals and institutions. Services include telephone assistance, group discounts on disaster supplies, publications, videos, technical leaflets, and consultations.

Closing Remarks (4:30 PM)

Location

The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education is located approximately three miles east of the UNC Chapel Hill campus, just off Highway 54 East (Raleigh Road). The Center is a short distance from Interstate 40 (from Raleigh, I-40 exit 273B; from Greensboro, I-40 exit 273). A map is located on the Friday Center web site,

<http://www.fridaycenter.unc.edu/fc/fcdir.html>