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Jan Merrill-Oldham Honored by ARL

During the October 2002 ARL Membership Meeting, ARL honored Jan Merrill-Oldham, Malloy-Rabinowitz Preservation Librarian, Harvard University, for her service to research libraries. Nancy Gwinn, Director of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries and Chair of the ARL Preservation of Research Libraries Materials Committee, presented Ms. Merrill-Oldham with a certificate that reads:

The Association of Research Libraries extends its gratitude to Jan Merrill-Oldham for her 15 years of service as a consultant to the Preservation of Research Libraries Materials Committee. With the passion of a practitioner, the vision of a leader, and the eloquence to convey both, Jan dedicated herself to helping ARL directors understand and appreciate the importance of preservation to the well-run research library. While building excellent preservation programs at the University of Connecticut and now at Harvard, Jan helped to shape a preservation agenda for ARL and guided the development of standards for mature preservation programs in ARL libraries. Quick to understand the implications of the digital revolution for preservation, she was also careful to remind the Committee of the continuing need to preserve brittle books and formats not yet addressed. Jan is a leader in the preservation profession and trained many of the preservation administrators now in ARL libraries. We commend and thank Jan Merrill-Oldham for her service to the Committee, the Association, the profession, and scholarship.

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