

"To Preserve and Protect: The Strategic Stewardship of Cultural Resources"

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As custodians of library collections, our responsibility to provide access for future and present generations lies at the core of our challenge to preserve and protect the collections. Traditionally, the security and preservation fields have been viewed quite separately; these disciplines, however, share common issues and concerns in developing programs to safeguard cultural assets. The intertwined nature of accountability, program effectiveness, and funding plays an ever-increasing role in managing security and preservation efforts. The upcoming Library of Congress Bicentennial symposium, "[To Preserve and Protect: The Strategic Stewardship of Cultural Resources](#)," will explore innovative approaches for addressing these critical concerns. Sponsored by the Library of Congress in affiliation with ARL, the goal of the symposium is to engage directors and administrators in libraries, museums, and archives in a dialogue on key issues of preserving and securing collections and to provide the opportunity to explore concerns that overlap and lend themselves to complementary solutions.

Symposium sessions will explore such topics as coping with theft, deterioration, and bad press; keeping the bits and bytes readable; how much security or preservation is too much or too little; enhancing relationships between cultural institutions and funders; and envisioning new directions in cooperative efforts.

Speakers will include Nancy Cline, Harvard University; Werner Gundersheimer, Folger Shakespeare Library; Winston Tabb, Library of Congress; Jeff Field, National Endowment for the Humanities; Lynne Chaffinch, Federal Bureau of Investigation; James Reilly, Image Permanence Institute; Clifford Lynch, Coalition for Networked Information; Maxwell Anderson, Whitney Museum of American Art; Deanna Marcum, Council on Library and Information Resources, Jan Merrill-Oldham, Harvard University; Jim Neal, Johns Hopkins University; Nancy Davenport, Library of Congress; Camila Alire, Colorado State University; and Nancy Gwinn, Smithsonian Institution.

The symposium will be held on **30-31 October 2000 in Washington, D.C.** The \$225 registration fee includes lunches on both days and the evening reception in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress. Due to space constraints, attendance will be limited. To register for the symposium, and for more information, see the [Library of Congress website](#). Additional information is also available from [Ms. Jane Caulton](#), Library of Congress, 202-707-7194.

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