OCC offers disaster preparedness pubs
The Oklahoma Conservation Congress (OCC) is distributing updated editions of two disaster preparedness publications: Basic Guidelines for Disaster Planning in Oklahoma and Bibliography on Disasters, Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Recovery, both by Toby Murray, preservation officer at the University of Tulsa. The basic guidelines, originally produced in 1985, may be adapted for use in any type of institution. The bibliography, originally five pages when produced in 1981, is now 70 pages long.

Copies of both publications are available free of charge from Gary Harrington, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, 200 North East 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. A stamped ($2.13), self-addressed, 9”x12” envelope is requested.

Commission publishes pamphlet on utilizing isoperms
The Commission on Preservation and Access published Isoperms: An Environmental Management Tool by Donald K. Sebera in June 1994. It is intended to help administrators understand the effects of relative humidity and temperature on paper-based collections and to calculate the consequences of storage in specific environmental conditions. Sebera reviews the scientific basis for his concept of isoperms, a representation of the relative permanence of paper under varying temperature and relative humidity conditions, but explains their application to real-world situations in non-technical language. He also includes examples of how isoperms may be used to inform collection storage decisions. This pamphlet is part of a continuing Commission initiative to make scientific information accessible and useful to preservation administrators.

Copies are available for $10.00 from the Commission on Preservation and Access, 1400 16th St., N.W., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20036-2217; phone: (202) 939-3400. Prepayment by check (made payable to the Commission on Preservation and Access) is required. Commission sponsors receive copies at no charge.

CCAHA publishes mold bulletin
The Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) has published a six-page technical bulletin called Managing a Mold Invasion: Guidelines for Disaster Response. It covers a variety of topics including human health concerns, prevention planning, and methods for treating mold outbreaks, plus provides a bibliography and resource list.

Copies are available for $3.50 (includes postage) from the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, 264 South 23rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19103; phone: (215) 545-0613.

PLMS and RMLS become PARS
The Preservation of Library Materials Section (PLMS) and the Reproduction of Library Materials Section (RLMS) of ALA’s Association for Library Collections & Technical Services Division (ALCTS) have merged to form the Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS). The merger was overwhelmingly approved by membership vote last spring and implemented at ALA’s Annual Conference in Miami. Robert Harriman and Robert DeCandido, chairs of the former sections, will serve as cochairs of PARS during 1994—95. All committees, discussion groups, and task forces have been reviewed and, in many cases, restructured to complete the merger.

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