Preservation News

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RLG continues DigiNews
The Research Libraries Group, Inc., with the cooperation of Cornell University Library's Department of Preservation and Conservation, is continuing electronic publication of RLG DigiNews. This quarterly Web journal about digital conversion focuses on topics of interest to managers of digital conversion projects, evolving practices in image conversion and archiving, plus new publications in the field. Issues generally consist of a feature article, a technical feature, highlighted Web sites, a calendar of events, announcements, FAQ's, and RLG news. Recent feature articles have included "Creating and Distributing High Resolution Cartographic Images" by David Yehling Allen and "Using Kodak Photo CD Technology for Preservation and Access: A Guide for Librarians, Archivists and Curators" by Anne R. Kenney and Oya Y. Rieger. The FAQ column in the August 15, 1998 issue offers a response to the rumor that Kodak would discontinue support of its Photo CD technology. Full text of all the issues is available for free at http://www.rlg.org/preserv/diginews/. For more information, contact Robin Dale, RLG, 1200 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041-1100; phone: (650) 691-2238; fax: (650) 964-0943; e-mail: bl.rld@rlg.org. The article on Kodak Photo CD technology is also available at http://www.library.cornell.edu/preservation/kodak/cover.htm.

NHPRC offers fellowship
The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is offering a year-long fellowship in archival administration for FY2000. This fellowship is designed to give a professional archivist with two-to-five years of experience, additional experience in administration and management. The fellow, who receives $35,000 plus $7,000 for benefits, will spend nine-to-twelve months working with the staff of a host archival repository. NHPRC will select the host repository from the pool of applicants by December 1, 1998, and the repository will, in turn, select the fellow from the pool of applicants. Applications for this fellowship are due March 1, 1999, for a start date in late summer or early fall. The host institution for FY1999 is the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library at Princeton University. Application forms are available at http://www.nara.gov/nara/nhprc/training.html. For more information, contact Laurie A. Baty, NHPRC, 700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 111, Washington, D.C. 20408-0001; phone: (202) 501-5610; fax: (202) 501-5601; e-mail: laurie.baty@arch1.nara.gov.

Brittle offers preservation photocopies
Brittle, the preservation photocopy service provided by Brian Baird of the University of Kansas, is still going after more than two years. Brittle operates through a mail list, which distributes lists of titles to be photocopied. Titles are usually offered for one month, giving participants a chance to request copies. The more copies requested per title, the lower the cost per copy. Participants receive their requested copies and invoices directly from the photocopier in two-to-three months. Participants may also submit titles to the mail list if they are sure they have no copyright restrictions. The copies are made on permanent/durable paper and have a high-quality binding. For more information, contact Brian J. Baird, preservation librarian, University of Kansas Libraries, 502 Watson Library, Lawrence, KS 66045-2800; phone: (785) 864-3568; fax: (785) 864-5311; e-mail: brited@raven.cc.ukans.edu.

RAP moves its Web site
The Regional Alliance for Preservation (RAP) has moved its Web site to http://www.solinet.net/rap/index.html. SOLINET will support the Web site, while the RAP members (AMIGOS Preservation Service, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Southeastern Library Network Preservation Services, and Upper Midwest Conservation Association) consider RAP's future. The Web site currently includes a clickable map that links to members' Web sites, a list of training materials, and a list of upcoming training events.

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