In section 2078, the bill also instructs the congressional Office of Technology Assessment to (in the words of the conference report, H. Rept. 101–916) “analyze the effect of new information technology on rural America, the ability of rural citizens to acquire advanced technology, and recommend ways in which the Library of Congress may connect with rural citizens by computer to share information in the national library.”

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- **Evanston, Illinois.** The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Libraries (University of Chicago, University of Illinois, Indiana University, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Pennsylvania State University) have begun a one-year program at Northwestern University to investigate the implementation of mass deacidification. The project is funded in part by the Council on Library Resources. The goal of the project is to provide the CIC libraries with a framework for implementing mass deacidification when it becomes technically and economically feasible. For more information about the project, contact: Sue H. Nutty, CIC Mass Deacidification Coordinator, Northwestern University Library, Preservation Department, 1935 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60208, phone (708) 467-1379.

- **Lexington, Virginia.** The one-week preservation management seminar developed by the College Libraries Committee of the Commission on Preservation and Access and SOLINET for college librarians with part-time preservation responsibility will be offered for the first time on the Washington and Lee University campus, July 20–27, 1991. The cost of tuition, room and board, and materials will be $1,200. Attendance is open to librarians throughout the nation, but registrants will be selected on an application basis. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 1991. Application information and description of the curriculum are available from: Lisa Fox, SOLINET, 400 Colony Square, Plaza Level, Atlanta, GA 30361-6301, phone (800) 999-8558, fax (404) 892-7879.

- **Washington, DC.** The Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges has announced the schedule and speakers for the course it is offering in cooperation with the Commission on Preservation and Access, “Preservation of Library and Archival Materials,” February 28–March 1, 1991, at the Holiday Inn Capitol, in Washington, DC. The keynote speaker will be Billy Frye, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Emory University. Other speakers are Donald G. Kelsey, University of Minnesota; Maureen Sullivan, Yale University; and Robert Burke, Charles Dunn, Nancy Gwinn, Michael Legue, Lawrence Stuebing, J. Andrew Wilson, and Howard Wink, all from the Smithsonian Institution. The purpose of the program is to foster better working relationships and an understanding of needs between librarians/archivists and physical plant administrators in an effort to improve the environmental conditions of library and archival materials. Registration is $325 before February 1, $375 after. Registration information is available from: APPA Seminars, 1446 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3492, (703) 684-1446, fax (703) 549-2772.