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Preservation database
The Centre de conservation du Quebec (CCQ) has developed “Preserv’Art,” a database of products used in the transport, exhibit, and storage of cultural artifacts. The product descriptions contain detailed, verified information, and the database may be searched by category, use, product name, manufacturer or supplier. The site also includes a bibliography, a glossary, and explanations of how to choose the right cardboards, textiles, woods and wood derivatives, papers, and plastics for preservation purposes. The site is available in French or English.

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Hurricane preparedness workshops
To help libraries and archives prepare for the 2006 hurricane season, the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) is offering one-day hurricane preparedness workshops in various locations throughout the South. Workshops will be held April 10 at the State Library of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, April 18 at the Camden County Public Service Authority in Kingsland, Georgia, and May 15 at the Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City Beach, Florida.

The workshops cost only $25 per participant. For more information, contact Vanessa Richardson, SOLINET, 1438 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; toll free phone: (800) 999-8558; e-mail: vanessa_richardson@solinet.net; URL: www.solinet.net/home_temp.cfm?doc_id=3855&WKSHPID=12HPS.

The Library of Congress is offering a half-day workshop, Salvage of Library Collections, on April 25, 2006. The workshop is free of charge. Participation is limited and preference will be given to participants from institutions in hurricane-prone areas. For more information, contact Alan Haley, Conservation Division, Library of Congress, e-mail: alha@loc.gov.

Disaster recovery resources
“Disaster preparedness: Because preparedness empowers,” a Web site (matrix.msu.edu/~disaster/) hosted by Michigan State University, contains a database listing experts, supplies, and services for disaster mitigation and recovery. It has recently been expanded to include resources available nationwide or in regions other than the Midwest. The database may be searched by location served or type of activity, and search results may be downloaded to a Microsoft Excel file for local use. The Web site administrator welcomes additional resource entries.