



Disaster Planning for Those Charged with Preserving and Maintaining Historical Artifacts

Lori Foley from Northeast Document Conservation Center leads information session about a free online disaster-planning tool.

(Bridgeport, CT) — On Saturday, February 3 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, The Barnum Museum and the Connecticut League of History Organizations will host a discussion on the topic of disaster planning for any person or organization charged with preserving and maintaining historical artifacts. The discussion will be lead by Kathy Maher, Executive Director and Curator of the Barnum Museum and Lori Foley, the Director of Field Service for the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in Andover, MA.

This session will provide participants with a description PdPlan, an online disaster-planning tool available through NEDCC for stewards of cultural resources. NEDCC emphasizes that in terms of the safety and security of our country's heritage now in the safekeeping of museums and libraries, it is not a question of if some disastrous will happen, but when.

The NEDCC and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners developed the PdPlan and have made it available as a free, computerized program. The program uses an online, fill-in-the-blank style template to guide users through the creation of a disaster plan specific to their institution. The resulting plan contains disaster procedure checklists; salvage priorities, current contact information for key personnel, insurance and technical support contacts, as well as suppliers of pertinent emergency services in the institution's geographic area. This program is helpful for all organizations but ideal for smaller institutions with limited staff.

Founded in 1973, NEDCC is the largest nonprofit, regional conservation center in the United States specializing in treatment of paper-based materials. NEDCC services include paper, book and photographic conservation; preservation microfilming; photograph duplication and digitization; surveys and consultation.

This special presentation will be of interest to curators and library professionals throughout the state.

What: Proper Handling of a Disaster at your Museum or Institution

A presentation by Lori Foley on the PdPlan, an online disaster planning tool available free to organizations charged with preserving our heritage.

Where: The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

When: Saturday, February 3, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Cost: \$15 for Barnum Museum or CLHO Members, \$20 for non-members
Call or e-mail to register to 203-624-9186 or sandy@clho.org**

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