



# Publications

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## Disaster Management: 2011

On Thursday September 15th, 2011 the Ohio Preservation Council hosted its biennial Preservation Symposium. This year the symposium featured a one-day Disaster Management Tele-workshop that was broadcast to four different locations around the state of Ohio - Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, and Toledo.

Donia Conn, Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), led the workshop which focused on preventative measures and disaster preparedness using the on-line tool dPlan. During the first part of the workshop Ms. Conn walked participants through steps that could be taken to prevent disasters and important personnel to consider including in any formal disaster response team. The second part of the session allowed participants to explore dPlan, begin working on their plan, and ask questions of Ms. Conn along the way.

The workshop included approximately 40 attendees that were able to begin formulating their disaster plan. The workshop also provided an opportunity for networking and community building in each of the 4 regions.

Museum and Library colleagues who were unable to attend the workshop are encouraged to review the dPlan tool (<http://www.dplan.org/>). It is free to libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, and other not for profit collection-holding institutions. dPlan was developed by NEDCC, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The development of the template was funded by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to assist non-profit organizations that hold cultural collections.

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