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### TRIANGLE LIBRARIES CREATE MOCK DISASTER

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The Friday Continuing Education Center in Chapel Hill will be the site of a mock library disaster on Wednesday, July 26, 2000. Over 5000 donated books, maps, and audiovisual materials will be doused with water to simulate a real disaster, the type that may occur in the wake of a storm, an extinguished fire, or burst plumbing. Experienced trainers will then lead over 100 staff members from the libraries at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, North Carolina Central, and North Carolina State universities in handling and salvage techniques for library materials.

The event is the culmination of months of cooperative planning among the libraries to prepare staff throughout the Triangle to assist each other when disasters occur. Andrew Hart, preservation librarian at UNC-Chapel Hill explains the importance of training, "recent history has shown how staff with disaster preparedness training are able to save many more books in the event of a disaster such as a hurricane."

The four universities are members of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN). TRLN's mission is to marshal the financial, human, and information resources of their research libraries through cooperative efforts in order to create a rich and unparalleled knowledge environment that furthers the universities' teaching, research, and service missions.

Disaster Preparedness and Recovery  
TRLN Cooperative Disaster Response Subcommittee

William C. Friday Center  
Chapel Hill, NC  
26 July 2000

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30 Catalog of Disasters
- 10:00 Initial Response, Coping with Mold
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Salvage Procedures and Techniques
- 11:45 Salvage Teams Formed; Roles Explained
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prepare for Packout
- 1:30 Recovery Exercise
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 Packout Discussion
- 4:00 Wrap Up