

PRESERVING COLLECTIONS IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL & MONITORING

The most cost-effective strategy to preserve our documentary resources is by controlling environmental conditions, including temperature, relative humidity and pollutants.

We are all aware of the harmful effect of the indoor environment on library collections, but are often hampered in our efforts to make improvements. This workshop will help library staff to identify the source of problems, monitor the environment, and develop strategies for effecting change in their institution. This session includes lecture and practical discussions covering the following topics:

- Environmental Standards: discussion of recent studies and alternative ways of evaluating environmental needs
- Principles of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems: how these systems work, and key concepts needed to communicate with physical plant staff
- Environmental Monitoring and Controls: the effect of temperature, relative humidity, and particulate and gaseous pollutants on library materials; guidelines for monitoring and improving conditions in your building
- Implementing Change: how to improve conditions using simple, inexpensive techniques

Participants:

This workshop is designed for library, archive and museum staff responsible for liaison with facilities staff, and responsible for environmental monitoring.

Instructor:

Dr. Michael Trinkley, Director, Chicora Foundation. Dr. Trinkley has consulted with libraries, archives and museums on environmental control and a variety of other preservation issues, and conducts a preservation training program in South Carolina through Chicora Foundation.

Cost:

\$95 SOLINET Members (\$85 early bird, \$120 late registration)

\$135 Non-SOLINET & FEDLINK (\$125 early bird, \$160 late registration)

PLEASE NOTE: Register for both ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL & MONITORING and ATTACK OF THE GIANT MOLD SPORE and receive a \$20 discount! Total cost for both sessions is as follows:

\$145 SOLINET Members (\$135 early bird, \$170 late registration)

\$235 Non-SOLINET & FEDLINK (\$210 early bird, \$225 late registration)

Time: 9 AM – 4 PM

Contact Hours: 5.5

Date and Site:

Thursday, March 11

North Carolina State University - McKimmon
Conference Center, Raleigh, NC
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