Documenting How Libraries Preserve Collections

Preservation Statistics

72% of libraries experienced some type of disaster in 2013

... 70% had a disaster plan in place

How much do libraries spend on preservation?

At the dawn of the library preservation movement in the early 1980’s, the Association of Research Libraries recommended that libraries spend at least 4% of their budgets on preservation activities. The most recent ARL Libraries have ever spent was 3.72% in 1991. According to the most recent Preservation Statistics survey, libraries currently spend 2.73% of their budgets on preservation.

Conserved in 2013:

- 75,000+ books
- 1800+ moving image recordings
- 33,000+ manuscripts & prints
- 13,000+ photographs

Digitized in 2013:

- 4,105,000+ manuscripts & prints
- 57,000+ sound recordings

Count what you do -- and show preservation counts!

da.org/rls/resources/preservation/presstats