

Friday, March 22, 2013

Workshop Session 3

Time of Session: 11:00AM-12:00PM

Session Title: What about Collections? Mitigation Best Practices for University
Collections to Ensure Resilience

Speaker: **Pat Young**, University of Delaware

Room: 256

Head Count: 5

Note Taker: Carrie Beth Lasley

Collections:

- The value and importance of collections, especially cultural collections, is undervalued in preparation for disasters.
- Not just main collections in library, but satellite collections in other buildings and resource centers on campus should be considered.
- Threats from labs can extend beyond the walls of the lab and into neighboring rooms.
- Protecting collections from theft and elements after the event has passed should be considered.

University of Delaware began a collection mitigation working group.

- Incorporate all groups holding resources, including film, fabrics, and research documents
- Incorporate support units, including Risk Management and UPD
- Conduct inventory, discovering what percentage is paper, etc.
 - Then create recovery plans for each medium and make sure there is access to recovery resources such as safety equipment
 - Plan to protect irreplaceable equipment, which can be expensive new equipment, or no longer manufactured old equipment, like old film projectors.
- Create sub-groups
 - Vendors, education and training, inventory
 - Consider that disaster can be local or regional in scale (thus impacting vendors)
- Conduct activities
 - Fire safety training, wet material recovery, creating emergency kits, mold identification, active shooter training
 - First Responder Open House: Invite FD in to learn about what is most important, should an event occur. Young marks top-10 materials with reflective stickers so FD can identify.