## Collections Care Needs Survey

1. Which of the following most closely describes your primary function or service? (select one)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Archives | $\square$ | 14.0\% | 14 |
| Library | $\square$ | 53.0\% | 53 |
| Museum | $\square$ | 18.0\% | 18 |
| Historical Society | $\square$ | 16.0\% | 16 |
| Historic House/Site |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| Aquarium, Zoo, Arboretum, Botanical <br> Garden, Nature Center, <br> Archaeological Repository, or <br> Planetarium |  |  |  |
|  |  | Other (please specify) | 8 |
|  |  | answered question | 100 |
|  |  | skipped question | 6 |

2. Which of the following most closely describes your institution's governance? (Select one)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| College, university or other academic entity | $\square$ | 37.1\% | 39 |
| Non-profit, non-governmental organization or foundation | - | 34.3\% | 36 |
| Corporate or for-profit organization |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| Federal |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| State |  | 5.7\% | 6 |
| Local (county or municipal) | $\square$ | 21.9\% | 23 |
| Tribal | $\square$ | 1.9\% | 2 |
|  |  | Other (please specify) | 1 |
|  |  | answered question | 105 |
|  |  | skipped question | 1 |

## 3. Describe your collection storage area(s). (Select all that apply)


4. Do you use environmental controls to meet temperature specifications for the preservation of your collection? (Select one)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, in all areas | $\square$ | 19.0\% | 20 |
| In some, but not all areas | - | 44.8\% | 47 |
| No, in no areas | $\square$ | 27.6\% | 29 |
| Don't know | $\square$ | 2.9\% | 3 |
| Not applicable | $\square$ | 5.7\% | 6 |
|  |  | answered question | 105 |
| skipped question |  |  | 1 |

5. Do you use environmental controls to meet relative humidity specifications for the preservation of your collection? (Select one)

6. Do you control light levels to meet the specifications for the preservation of your collection?(Select one)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, in all areas | $\square$ | 17.1\% | 18 |
| In some, but not all areas | $\longrightarrow$ | 41.9\% | 44 |
| No, in no areas | $\longrightarrow$ | 33.3\% | 35 |
| Don't know | $\square$ | 3.8\% | 4 |
| Not applicable | $\square$ | 3.8\% | 4 |
|  |  | answered question | 105 |
|  |  | skipped question | 1 |

7. Does your institution have a written, long-range preservation/conservation plan for the care of the collection (a document that describes a multi-year course of action to meet an institution's overall preservation needs for its collection)? (Select one)


8. Has a survey of the general condition of your collection been done (an assessment based on visual inspection of the collection and the areas where it is exhibited or held)? (Select one)

9. Does your institution have a written emergency/disaster plan that includes the collection? (Select one)

10. If you have a written emergency/disaster plan, is your staff trained to carry it out? (Select one)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $\square$ | 28.7\% | 25 |
| No | - | 24.1\% | 21 |
| Don't know |  | 10.3\% | 9 |
| Have no written emergency/disaster plan | $\square$ | 36.8\% | 32 |
|  |  | answered question | 87 |
|  |  | skipped question | 19 |

11. Are copies of vital collection records (e.g., inventory, catalog, insurance policies) stored offsite? (Select one)


12. Do you have adequate security systems (e.g., security guard, staff observation, intrusion detection) to help prevent theft or vandalism of the collection? (Select one)


13. Which of the following most closely describes your current staffing for conservation/preservation? (Select all that apply)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paid conservation/preservation staff (full-time or part-time) |  | 19.6\% | 18 |
| Volunteers (full-time or part-time) | $\square$ | 16.3\% | 15 |
| Conservation/preservation duties assigned to various staff as needed | $\square$ | 46.7\% | 43 |
| Conservation/preservation services obtained through external provider | $\square$ | 13.0\% | 12 |
| No staff person has conservation/preservation responsibilities |  | 29.3\% | 27 |
|  |  | answered question | 92 |
|  |  | skipped question | 14 |

14. What does your conservation/preservation program include? (Select all that apply)

|  | Done by institution staff | Done by external provider | Not done currently, but planned | Not done | Not applicable | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Preventive conservation (e.g., housekeeping, holdings maintenance, rehousing, environmental monitoring) | 65.2\% (60) | 2.2\% (2) | 6.5\% (6) | 23.9\% (22) | 2.2\% (2) | 92 |
| b. Preservation management (e.g., administration, planning, assessment) | 44.0\% (40) | 4.4\% (4) | 12.1\% (11) | 38.5\% (35) | 1.1\% (1) | 91 |
| c. Conservation treatment (e.g., repair, mass deacidification, specimen preparation) | 28.1\% (25) | 19.1\% (17) | 4.5\% (4) | 43.8\% (39) | 4.5\% (4) | 89 |
| d. Preservation reformatting (e.g., preservation photocopying, microfilming) | 31.1\% (28) | 18.9\% (17) | 8.9\% (8) | 37.8\% (34) | 3.3\% (3) | 90 |
| e. Preservation of audio-visual media and playback equipment (e.g., preservation copies of media, maintaining equipment) | 22.8\% (21) | 7.6\% (7) | 7.6\% (7) | 54.3\% (50) | 7.6\% (7) | 92 |
| f. Preservation of digital materials and electronic records collections (e.g., migrating data to current software) | 25.3\% (23) | 8.8\% (8) | 17.6\% (16) | 41.8\% (38) | 6.6\% (6) | 91 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 92 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 14 |

15. Do your collections include digital content (computer based representation of text, numbers, images, and/or sound, e.g., optical discs, Web sites, electronic books)? (Select one)

16. Please indicate your institution's level of need in the following areas related to conservation/preservation.

| Already |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Have | No Need | Need | Urgent | Don't | Not | Response |
| Need | Know | Applicable | Count |  |  |  |


| a. An emergency/disaster plan | $\begin{gathered} 30.0 \% \\ (27) \end{gathered}$ | 8.9\% (8) | 48.9\% <br> (44) | 6.7\% (6) | 4.4\% (4) | 1.1\% (1) | 90 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| b. A prioritized long-rang preservation/conservation plan | 4.3\% (4) | $\begin{gathered} 10.9 \% \\ (10) \end{gathered}$ | 66.3\% (61) | $\begin{gathered} 10.9 \% \\ (10) \end{gathered}$ | 4.3\% (4) | 3.3\% (3) | 92 |
| c. Planning surveys or assessments of collection | $\begin{gathered} 15.2 \% \\ (14) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \% \\ (12) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 54.3 \% \\ (50) \end{gathered}$ | 9.8\% (9) | 5.4\% (5) | 2.2\% (2) | 92 |
| d. Staff training | 9.9\% (9) | 8.8\% (8) | $\begin{gathered} 69.2 \% \\ (63) \end{gathered}$ | 5.5\% (5) | 4.4\% (4) | 2.2\% (2) | 91 |
| e. Security | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \% \\ (26) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.4 \% \\ (24) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 34.1 \% \\ (31) \end{gathered}$ | 4.4\% (4) | 5.5\% (5) | 1.1\% (1) | 91 |
| f. Environmental controls (e.g., heating, air conditioning, dehumidifying, humidifying) | $\begin{gathered} 21.7 \% \\ (20) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.1 \% \\ (13) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 39.1 \% \\ (36) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \% \\ (12) \end{gathered}$ | 9.8\% (9) | 2.2\% (2) | 92 |
| g. Improvements to reduce collections' exposure to light | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \% \\ (12) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.2 \% \\ (25) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 35.9 \% \\ (33) \end{gathered}$ | 5.4\% (5) | $\begin{gathered} 10.9 \% \\ (10) \end{gathered}$ | 7.6\% (7) | 92 |
| h. Conservation treatment (include specimen preparation) | 3.3\% (3) | $\begin{gathered} 13.2 \% \\ (12) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 59.3 \% \\ (54) \end{gathered}$ | 5.5\% (5) | $12.1 \%$ <br> (11) | 6.6\% (6) | 91 |
| i. Preservation of digital collections (digitized and born-digital) | 7.6\% (7) | $\begin{gathered} 14.1 \% \\ (13) \end{gathered}$ | 48.9\% <br> (45) | 6.5\% (6) | 9.8\% (9) | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \% \\ (12) \end{gathered}$ | 92 |
| j. Preservation of audio/visual collections | 4.3\% (4) | $\begin{gathered} 12.0 \% \\ (11) \end{gathered}$ | 58.7\% <br> (54) | 9.8\% (9) | 5.4\% (5) | 9.8\% (9) | 92 |

k. Integrated pest management (approaches to prevent and solve pest problems in an efficient and
17. For all your collections that are currently in need of treatment, identify all the causes of the damage or loss of access to them.

|  | No Damage or Loss | Some Damage or Loss | Significant Damage or Loss | Don't Know | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Handling (e.g., by researchers, staff, in shipping) | 24.7\% (22) | 60.7\% (54) | 2.2\% (2) | 12.4\% (11) | 89 |
| b. Water or moisture (e.g., mold, stains, warping) | 36.3\% (33) | 50.5\% (46) | 3.3\% (3) | 9.9\% (9) | 91 |
| c. Light (e.g. fading, discoloration) | 22.7\% (20) | 59.1\% (52) | 4.5\% (4) | 13.6\% (12) | 88 |
| d. Airborne particulates or pollutants (e.g., dust, soot) | 26.7\% (24) | 46.7\% (42) | 5.6\% (5) | 21.1\% (19) | 90 |
| e. Fire | 92.2\% (83) | 1.1\% (1) | 0.0\% (0) | 6.7\% (6) | 90 |
| f. Improper storage or enclosure (e.g., bent, creased, adhered together) | 21.1\% (19) | 54.4\% (49) | 15.6\% (14) | 8.9\% (8) | 90 |
| g. Pests | 56.7\% (51) | 26.7\% (24) | 1.1\% (1) | 15.6\% (14) | 90 |
| h. Vandalism | 66.3\% (59) | 28.1\% (25) | 0.0\% (0) | 5.6\% (5) | 89 |
| i. Physical or chemical deterioration (due to temperature, humidity, aging, e.g., brittle paper, flaked paint, cracked leather, degradation of electronic media) | 8.8\% (8) | 64.8\% (59) | 16.5\% (15) | 9.9\% (9) | 91 |
| j. Technological obsolescence of digital or audio/visual collections | 25.8\% (23) | 39.3\% (35) | 13.5\% (12) | 21.3\% (19) | 89 |
| k. Prior improper treatment(s) or restoration | 32.2\% (29) | 38.9\% (35) | 4.4\% (4) | 24.4\% (22) | 90 |
| answered question |  |  |  |  | 91 |
| skipped question |  |  |  |  | 15 |

18. Do you promote awareness of conservation/preservation activities using the following?

|  | Yes | No | Not Done Currently, but Planned | Don't Know | Not <br> Applicable | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. Educating donors and/or trustees about preservation activities (e.g., in tours, demonstrations) | 30.8\% (28) | 48.4\% (44) | 8.8\% (8) | 1.1\% (1) | 11.0\% (10) | 91 |
| b. Presenting preservation activities to members' or friends' groups (e.g., in educational programming, printed/promotional materials) | 29.7\% (27) | 53.8\% (49) | 3.3\% (3) | 4.4\% (4) | 8.8\% (8) | 91 |
| c. Highlighting preservation activities in exhibitions or other programs for the public | 28.6\% (26) | 58.2\% (53) | 4.4\% (4) | 0.0\% (0) | 8.8\% (8) | 91 |
| d. Serving as a source for conservation/preservation information to the public (e.g., responding to queries) | 39.3\% (35) | 49.4\% (44) | 2.2\% (2) | 1.1\% (1) | 7.9\% (7) | 89 |
| e. Using conservation/preservation as part of a strategy for earned income (e.g., selling archivally safe materials in shop, providing conservation on a fee-for-service basis) | 11.1\% (10) | 75.6\% (68) | 2.2\% (2) | 1.1\% (1) | 10.0\% (9) | 90 |
| f. Featuring preservation work on Website | 15.6\% (14) | 68.9\% (62) | 5.6\% (5) | 2.2\% (2) | 7.8\% (7) | 90 |
|  |  |  |  | answered question |  | 91 |
|  |  |  |  | skipped question |  | 15 |

19. How many staff are currently employed at your institution? Include all staff, not just those for preservation. Do not express in full-time equivalents (FTEs). Indicate " 0 " if you have no staff in a category. Please give your best estimate if you are unsure or write 'don't know' in the box.

|  |  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Full-time paid staff |  |  | 91.8\% | 78 |
| Part-time paid staff | - |  | 91.8\% | 78 |
| Full-time unpaid staff | $\square$ |  | 48.2\% | 41 |
| Part-time unpaid staff | [-20 |  | 61.2\% | 52 |
|  |  | answered question |  | 85 |
|  |  | skipped question |  | 21 |

20. On average, about how long do staff members with decision-making responsibility remain on staff? (Include full-time, parttime, paid and unpaid)

|  |  | Response Percent | Response Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 6 months |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| 6 months to 1 year |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| 1 to 2 years |  | 0.0\% | 0 |
| 2 to 5 years | - | 12.0\% | 10 |
| 5 to 10 years | $\cdots$ | 24.1\% | 20 |
| 10 to 15 years | $\underline{-2}$ | 30.1\% | 25 |
| more than 15 years | $\square$ | 37.3\% | 31 |
|  |  | answered question | 83 |
|  |  | skipped question | 23 |

21. How many visitors or users did you serve last year? Indicate "0" if you had no visitors or users in a category. Please give your best estimate if you are unsure or write 'don't know'.

| Response | Response <br> Count |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

a. On site

100.0\%

83
b. Off site (e.g., traveling exhibitions, bookmobiles, educational programs)
c. Electronic (e.g., visits to Web site, electronic distribution lists, electronic discussion groups)
22. What was your institution's total annual operating budget for the most recently completed fiscal year?


23. Do you have funds specifically allocated for conservation/preservation activities in your annual budget? (Select one)

|  |  |  | Response <br> Percent | Response <br> Count |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Yes |  |  | $34.5 \%$ | 29 |
| No |  |  | $57.1 \%$ | 48 |
| Don't know | $\square$ | $9.5 \%$ | 8 |  |

If yes, how much is annually budgeted? 22
answered question 84
skipped question
24. Has your institution made an application, whether successful or unsuccessful, for conservation/preservation funding from any public or private source in the last 3 years? (Select one)


25. If your institution did not make a grant application for conservation/preservation funding from any public or private source in the last 3 years, which of the following factors influenced the decision not to apply? (Select all that apply)

26. What do you believe is at high risk in your institution? (Select all that apply)

| Response |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Count |

a. Books and Bound Volumes (monographs, serials, newspapers, 53.7\% (44) 40.2\% (33) $6.1 \%(5)$ numismatic artifacts, other paper artifacts)
c. Photographic Collections (microfilm, microfiche, photographic prints, negatives, slides, transparencies, daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, glass plate negatives, lantern slides)
d. Moving Image Collections (motion picture film, video tape, laser disc, CD, DVD, minidisk)
e. Recorded Sound Collections (cylinder, phonodisc, cassette, open 56.3\% (45) $31.3 \%$ (25) 12.5\% (10)
17.3\% (14)
artifacts, transportation vehicles)
i. Archaeological Collections
j. Natural Science Specimens (zoological, botanical, geological, paleontological, paleobotany specimens)
k. Living Collections
46.9\% (38) 45.7\% (37)
13.6\% (11)
40.7\% (33)
45.7\% (37)

81
61.3\% (49)

80

## 27. How useful would the following assistance be to you?

| Rery Useful | Useful | Marginally <br> Useful | Not Useful |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Count |  |  |  |

28. How many individuals in your institution would benefit from this assistance?


29. Have you or a staff member ever attended a workshop?

30. To participate in future work to improve preservation practices at your institution, could you provide 4 to 5 days of staff time over the course of two years?

