Mountain Plains Library Association Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section Report, April 2000

Besides the Section Business Meeting, the Preservation, Archives and Special Collections Section is planning to sponsor two programs, and co-sponsor another program, at the Tri-Conference in Omaha next October.

The program to be co-sponsored is jointly with the Nebraska Library Association Technical Services Round Table. It will be a tour of the Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center paper conservation lab and the digitizing lab on Thursday afternoon, October 26th. It will be limited to twenty people and will last about an hour. I have had contact with a potential exhibitor/donor to cover the costs of the transportation from the conference site to the Ford Center and back.

The other two programs are: "Encoded Archival Description: Developing Access, Standards, and Skills" by Mary Ellen Ducey of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Gina L. Minks of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and "Library Materials and Historical Images: Deterioration and Preservation" by Roger Joyce, Technical Services Supervisor, and Carol Barber, Photographic Curator, both with the Wyoming State Archives.

The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect has been contacted regarding putting together a slate of candidates for the section officer election. I will be sending her more information and helpful suggestions for getting the slate together in a timely manner. Anyone interested in running for a section office should be encouraged to contact an officer soon.

Respectfully submitted,

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