Appendix 2: Continuing Education Needs

Continuing education program developers should create courses and curricula based on identified needs. A*CENSUS and ACRL surveys conducted in 2004 and 2005 identified these areas of need.

Participants who completed the "Archival Census and Education Needs Survey in the U.S." (A*CENSUS), an Institute of Museum and Library Services-funded survey conducted by SAA and others in Spring 2004, indicated their "most desired" continuing education topics in this order:

1. Digitization
2. Electronic Records – Preservation and Storage
3. Preservation
4. Digital/Media Asset Management
5. Copyright
6. Conservation
7. Visual Materials (Architectural Records)
8. Electronic Records – Description and Access
9. Electronic Records – Appraisal and Accessioning
10. Grants
11. Website Creation/Management
12. Encoded Archival Description (EAD)
13. Exhibits
14. Cataloging
15. Records Management
16. Metadata
17. Acquisition and Appraisal
18. Arrangement
19. Moving Images (Film, Video)
20. Description

In Fall 2005, the Continuing Education Committee of the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Science and Technology Section (STS) conducted a survey in collaboration with the Special Libraries Association – SciTech Division and the American Society for Engineering Education - Engineering Libraries Division.

Respondents' topics of greatest interest fell into these broad categories:

1. New Technologies
2. Professional Development and Keeping Current
3. Institutional Repositories / Digital Archives
4. Information Literacy / Instruction
5. Scholarly Publishing - High Cost of Serials - Alternative Publishing Models
6. Marketing and Outreach