

Society of American Archivists
Preservation Section
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ACTIVITIES

Completed

Educational bookmarks for annual conference
Tweet Up event for Preservation Week
May Day fundraiser for NDRF
Silent auction fundraiser for NDRFA at Annual Conference

Ongoing

All of the above. Will be expanding coordination with the SAA board on NDRF fundraising and awareness.

New

To be determined

STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Advocating for Archives and Archivists Tweet up for Preservation Week and coordinated fundraising for the National Disaster Relief fund have both provided visibility and advocacy for archives.

Goal 2: Enhancing Professional Growth The program at the Preservation Section meeting was focused on practical balance of preservation and access for patrons, inspiring new ways of integrating these core functions on the ground. Educational coloring bookmarks provided a fun way to spread preservation knowledge throughout the field.

Goal 3: Advancing the Field The Preservation section has supported advancement of the field by increasing our outreach activities in the past year in order to support the NDRF, increase preservation knowledge in our community of colleagues, and hosting discussion at the annual meeting to push the boundaries of what preservation can be in an institution.

Goal 4: Meeting Members Needs The Preservation Section has tried to meet members professional development needs through dissemination of preservation information, as well as support archivists in crisis after an emergency through fundraising for the NDRF. We have also tried to form a bond with

allied professionals who also work with collections through a deeper engagement with Preservation Week.

ANNUAL MEETING

Number of Attendees: 75

Summary of Meeting Activities: Panel discussion about preservation in the reading room followed by break out discussion groups to explore best practice ideas that are realistic and practical for institutions with strong public service missions.

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

We would like to request funds to continue producing the Agents of Deterioration coloring bookmarks series. \$800 should cover the final 6 designs, including shipping.

Through casual conversation among the Steering Committee, I have heard concerns that preservation (especially in the material collections sense, rather than digital preservation) is very underrepresented in both conference sessions and the workshop curriculum. Member-At-Large Anastasia Matijkiw proposed and facilitated a pop-up session on low budget preservation tips at this year's conference and had over 80 attendees. We believe this demonstrates an interest and need in topics and discussions that focus on the core function of preservation in an institution. We would look forward to discussing this further with the Council, if you would like.