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## Upcoming workshops for protecting cultural collections

BOISE, ID – A free, two-part workshop—*Protecting Cultural Collections: Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Response & Recovery*—is being sponsored by Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS). This all-day, two-part workshop will take place April 17 and June 5 at the Twin Falls Public Library.

Participants will learn about disaster planning, set pre- and post-disaster action priorities for their collections, and experience salvage procedures for a wide variety of material including books, documents, photos, and objects. “The Idaho Commission for Libraries is pleased to co-sponsor this valuable workshop,” said State Librarian Ann Joslin. “These workshops are designed to help institutions protect their collections and to create a culture of preservation management.” Participants will start a disaster plan by the end of the second session.

This workshop is designed for administrators and staff responsible for emergency preparedness and response in all types of cultural institutions such as library, museum, city hall, or other archival entity. When possible, two attendees should attend so they can work together on the disaster preparedness activities. By registering for the workshop, the institution commits to supporting the attendee(s) to achieve the workshop's disaster preparedness goals.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at <http://host7.evanced.info/pls/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=450>.  
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