Preservation Needs Assessment for Institutional Planning and Multi-Institutional Collaboration

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Condition survey

- determines scope and scale of problems
Needs assessment

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- recommends solutions
- sets priorities for action
- targets finite resources to highest priorities
- promotes multi-institutional cooperation
CALIPR software

- online, with web-based interface
- developed for California statewide collaboration
- a random sample from the collection
- 13 questions per sample item
- automatically calculates 1) problems, 2) solutions, 3) priorities, and 4) reports
CALIPR survey questions

13 questions that address:
• demand for access
• housing conditions
• physical condition
• institutional value
CALIPR solution categories

- conservation treatment
- disaster response plan
- education
- environmental control
- fire protection
- inventory control
- protective enclosures
- rebind and repair
- replacement
CALIPR results: UCB East Asian Library

Chinese rare materials collection
• 105 item random sample from 14,600
• protected from fire and theft
• environment meets standards
• 100% housed in protective enclosures
• less than 1% brittle
• 10% in need of repair
• use determines priority for repair
• 90% can be digitized safely now
Setting preservation priorities

Level of Value

- Housing problems
- Physical Condition
- Demand for Access

PRIORITY
Targeting resources to meet needs

Whole collection

High Value Materials

High Value Materials in Demand

Materials in Demand
Benefits of needs assessment

- determines scope and scale of problems
- recommends solutions
- sets priorities for action
- targets finite resources to highest priorities
- promotes multi-institutional cooperation
  - shared vocabulary and strategy
  - priorities customized to each institution