## Heritage management and disaster planning

Heritage management initiatives and robust disaster planning guard our cultural heritage and the rights of the end-user. Memory institutions such as libraries, archives, galleries and museums all share pressing concerns about preserving heritage, whether in the form of material and documentary cultural artefacts in collections, or in the form of new digitally born material. Recent incidents of natural disaster and cultural genocide, together with the global turn to digitisation, have forced librarians, archivists and curators to rethink and restructure their primary modes of operation. Historically separate cultural institutions are now converging to share limited resources, develop compatible ideologies and co-ordinate distributed collections.

Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums, edited by G E Gorman and Sydney J Shep, examines preservation management in the contemporary information landscape, and offers guidance on preservation methods for the sustainability of collections from a range of international experts. The authors are connected to a wide international network of professional associations and NGOs, and have been selected not only for their specific expertise but also for their current contribution to preservation management. This is an informed and essential guide to managing collection and preservation strategies for anyone working in the library, archive, museum or broader cultural heritage sectors.

Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums, edited by Professor G E Gorman and Dr Sydney J Shep, Victoria University of Wellington. Facet Publishing, London, 2006. xviii, 206 p. ; 24 cm. ISBN: 1 856 04574 9. £44.95

(Note: Gary Gorman is the Book Review Editor for ALJ.)



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## REQUEST FOR TENDER NO.DCON/06/185

To Establish a Panel Arrangement for the Provision of Automated Data for the Public Lending Right (PLR) Annual Survey of Australian Public Library Book Holdings.

The Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) seeks to establish a panel of service providers to be used as and when required for the provision of automated data for the Public Lending Right (PLR) annual survey of Australian public library book holdings.

The Public Lending Right (PLR) survey is undertaken in October – December of each year and currently surveys the book holdings in 53 public libraries on a selected list of books. These libraries are selected with the assistance of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Respondents should be suppliers of library systems to Australian public libraries. The contact for this tender is Ms Christabel Wright, Lending Rights Section, email: Christabel.Wright@dcita.gov.au

Tenders may be submitted electronically via Austender or as a hard copy via the Department Tender Box.

The tender will close at 2pm (local time in the ACT) on Monday, 28 February 2007.

Tender documentation is available from Austender at https://www.tenders.gov.au

Details are within the Conditions of Submission.

Any clarification regarding contractual matters should be sought from the Procurement Advisory Unit at **ProcurementAdvice@dcita.gov.au** quoting the Tender identification number DCON/06/185.

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