

**Before Disaster Strikes:
An Emergency Preparedness Workshop for
Kansas Cultural Collections**
~Invitation to Libraries, Museums and Archives~

You are invited to attend “*Before Disaster Strikes*” a Kansas regional workshop to promote disaster preparedness, support institutional emergency planning, and develop regional emergency response networks among Kansas cultural heritage organizations.

“*Before Disaster Strikes*” will be repeated at three all-day workshops:

- Northeast Region: Topeka, Kansas State Historical Society, Friday, October 2
- Southeast Region: Wichita, Botanica, Thursday, October 15
- West Region: Dodge City, Dodge City Public Library, Thursday, October 29
with video conferencing & facilitation in Colby, Pioneer Memorial Library

Intended Audience: Administrators and staff responsible for emergency preparedness, response and decision-making, in all types of cultural institutions, including libraries, museums and archives.

Goals: Learn the basics for protecting people and preventing damage to buildings and collections. Complete or update a disaster plan. Develop ideas for statewide collections care and training. Initiate regional partnerships.

Each workshop will feature an expert in the disaster preparedness field, presenting the most important steps to prevent emergencies from becoming disasters for cultural heritage collections. These workshops are made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), to support emergency planning and promote regional emergency response networks in Kansas. They are part of a broader national IMLS initiative, *Connecting to Collections: a Call to Action*, to raise awareness and preserve our shared cultural heritage collections.

Cost: \$10 for lunch and beverage

Pre-registration required [Click here for form](#)

Workshops limited to 100 attendees each; only one person per institution please.

For purposes of forming regional networks, please attend the workshop nearest to you.

For additional information or to be included in future discussions if unable to attend, contact: Cindy Roupe cindyr@kslib.info 800-432-3919.

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