

RBMS Manuscripts & Other Formats Discussion Group
Saturday, January 8, 2011, 1:30 -3:30 pm
Westin Gaslamp. Santa Fe
San Diego, CA

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Reports on recent conferences and meetings of interest to the group
3. News from individual repositories
4. Individual member issues and queries
5. Discussion:
 - Innovation in instruction. What methods are curators and librarians using to encourage use of manuscript and archival collections? How are collections being incorporated into the curriculum, and what is the nature of assignments requiring consultation of this material?
 - Community use. Many repositories have seen an increase in use of collections by non-traditional patrons. How are they learning about our holdings? What type of research are they conducting?
 - If time permits...conservation treatment. Collections are preserved when processed, as they are typically rehoused in archival quality enclosures. Are more extreme measures being taken to preserve voluminous archives? How is conservation treatment of these collections being funded?