

With Wind and Rain in Your Face: Racing to Survive

LCC: Water in the Archives

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- Chronological account, with photos, of the ‘flood’ and the response and recovery process
- Lessons learned
- Factors in successful recovery
- Resources and links - handout

Archives Work Area / Storage Room – April 19



Source of Leak - April 18



Wet Boxes - April 18



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Drying Out – April 19

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Drying Out – Security - April 19



Drying Out Shelves - April 19



Dehumidification Room – April 19-20



Water in the Archives - web site

Lane Community College - Archives and Records - Water in the Archives - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Address <http://www.lanecc.edu/archives/ARwater.htm>

Water in the Archives

The Archives experienced significant water damage due to a water leak on the morning of Wednesday, April 18, 2007. A quick response, led by Facilities Management, enabled us to quickly begin recovery and salvage work. We were able to salvage all water damaged records and documents. Information about recovery efforts and photographs has been posted on this webpage.

- [Status of Archives Services & Contact Information](#)
- [Photographs](#)
- [Recovery Report # 5, May 24-30, 2007](#)
- [Recovery Report # 4, May 14-22, 2007](#)
- [Recovery Report # 3, May 11, 2007](#)
- [Recovery Report # 2, April 23-27, 2007](#)
- [Recovery Report # 1, April 18-20, 2007](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Resources and Links](#)

Status of Archives Services & Contact Information

- **Archives Services**

The Archives is now open for research and reference.
- **Contact Information**

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Contaminated Records – May 1-2



Removing Carpet & Wall – May 3-4



Shelving – May 3-4



Moving Boxes Out – May 3



Reshelving – May 24-25



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Boxes Returned from Texas - August



Reshelving Completed - September



Lessons Learned

- Have a current disaster response and recovery manual
- Know how to respond – don't rush in
- Know source & extent of damage
- Evacuate / Isolate / Evaluate
- Problems
 - Contamination of water
 - Shelving

Factors for Success

- Institutional support
- Support of supervisor
- Commercial support
- Professional support
- Communication
 - Within institution
 - With public
- Importance of colleagues & friends

Resources

- **LCC Archives website**
- **WESTPAS - Western States & Territories Preservation Assistance Service**
- **Heritage Emergency National Task Force**
- **Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS)**
- **COOL – Conservation On-Line - Disaster Preparedness & Response website at Stanford Univ.**
- **A Primer on Disaster Preparedness, Management and Response: Paper-Based Materials - LOC, Smithsonian, NARA, National Park Service**
- **FEMA – Federal Emergency Management Assoc.**

