

## Upcoming Events

### [NERCOMP Digital Curation and Higher Education IT](#)

March 25, 2014  
Providence, RI

### [Computers in Libraries](#)

April 7-9, 2014  
Washington, DC

### [Texas Library Association](#)

April 8-11, 2014  
San Antonio, TX

### [Personal Digital Archiving 2014](#)

April 10-11, Indianapolis, IN

### [2014 Midwest Archives Conference Annual Meeting](#)

April 24-26, Kansas City, MO

## Digital Preservation Bits

### [6 Emerging Initiatives for Digital Collections](#)

### [Considering Emulation for Digital Preservation](#)

### [How and When to Check Fixity](#)

### [Saving Mementos from Virtual Worlds](#)

### [Guiding Principles for Creating Born Digital Video](#)

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## A Career's Worth of Archives

### Bill LeFurgy: Digital Preservation Pioneer

Bill LeFurgy, Project Manager for Digital Initiatives at the Library of Congress, is about to let go of an enormous amount of responsibility: he is retiring from the Library after 37 years of public service as an archivist, librarian and manager.

LeFurgy is an even-tempered man. No matter what he is talking about, his demeanor is always calm and relaxed. Even when talking about the many facets of his varied career path. But, like many people who work in digital preservation, LeFurgy is an accidental archivist. Read [the full story](#) about the many roles he has played throughout his distinguished career as an archivist.



### Keepsakes: the Digital vs. the Physical

"I'm cleaning out my office in preparation for retiring on March 7. I've accumulated a few mementos during my career, and moving them out stirs up memories," remarked Bill LeFurgy.

He goes on to say, "One of my favorite keepsakes is a framed 1986 poster from the National Archives and Records Administration that proclaims "Our Records, Your Responsibilities." (image at right)

Which then begs the question, in terms of what items hold meaning, do we view the physical items differently than the digital? [Read on](#) for LeFurgy's thoughts on this.



## New NDSA Report: PDF/A-3 for Archival Institutions

We're lucky in the digital stewardship community that our challenges tend to be non life-threatening. Still, when we get fired up about something, there is guaranteed to be spirited debate and passionate advocacy.

Such was the case with the release of the PDF/A-3 file format specification in 2012. It was also a [popular topic on the Signal](#) shortly after that. The NDSA Standards and Practices Working Group clearly recognized the challenges involved for collecting institutions. [Read on](#) for more about the new NDSA report on "[The Benefits and Risks of the PDF/A-3 File Format for Archival Institutions](#)" (pdf).



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## Call for Proposals: Digital Preservation 2014

Our annual meeting, Digital Preservation 2014, will be held July 22-24 in the Washington, DC area, and we want to hear from you! Any organization or individual with an interest in digital stewardship can propose ideas for potential inclusion in the meeting, which serves as a forum in the areas of technical infrastructure, innovation, content collection, standards and best practices,

and outreach efforts. All are invited to submit proposals for panel presentations, lightning talks, demonstrations or posters.

All proposals are due March 14<sup>th</sup>. Read the [full blog post](#) to learn about the topic areas and how to submit proposals.

## What Do You Mean by "Archive"? Genres of Usage for Digital Preservers

One of the most fraught terms in digital preservation discussions is "archive." At this point, it has come to mean a lot of different things in different contexts. It can mean so many different things, that some in digital preservation are reluctant to use the term writ large.

The term "archive" carries with it significant weight, and often brings with it notions of longevity, safe keeping, order and concerns with authenticity. See [the full blog post](#) for an overview and discussion of common usages of the term "archive."



[Manuscript Division stacks with acid-free containers](#). Library of Congress Manuscript Division Slide Collection

### Digital Preservation Outreach and Education

[Calendar of Events](#): Access training and educational offerings in the practice of digital preservation.

### Residency Program

[NDSR at Webwise, and an Exciting Announcement!](#)

[The Heart of the Matter: an NDSR Project and Update](#)

### Web Archiving

[Capturing and Preserving the Olympic Spirit Via Web Archiving](#)

### NDSA

[Preserving Blogs and Discussion Forums](#)

[NDSA Regional Meeting: January 23-24](#)

### Conversation Corner

[Getting Public Radio's Legacy Off Ageing Rewritable CDs](#): An interview with WNYC's John Passmore

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