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In Brief

Leslie McDonough named to disaster response committee

SCITUATE - The North Scituate Public Library has invited Leslie McDonough to be on the steering committee of the federal grant-funded project "Protecting the Past-Rhode Island." The purpose of the project is to develop a disaster response plan for cultural heritage institutions statewide.

The R.I. Office of Library and Information Services, in partnership with the Rhode Island State Archives, received a $40,000 "Connecting to Collections" grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund the project.

North Scituate Library director Leslie McDonough is part of the project steering committee that includes representatives from libraries of all types, museums, archives, historical and preservation societies, municipalities, the R.I. Emergency Management Agency, as well as the State Risk Manager.

The "Protecting the Past - R.I." project was created to adapt "dPlan: the Online Disaster Planning Tool" for use in Rhode Island's unique built and natural environments; to encourage the state's cultural heritage institutions to adopt "dPlan" as the state's standard disaster planning tool by offering training to R.I. heritage stakeholders in the use of "dPlan;" and to publicize the result of the planning process to state and local emergency management agencies, first responders and towns and municipalities.

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