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Maintaining Momentum

Since Preserving Digital Public Television began, broadcasting has shed its analog systems and moved completely into a digital universe. This project has been able to impress on the public television system the message that digital preservation is not an optional “add-on” cost, but a requirement for any future use of the materials. In this, the project has been instrumental in transforming an attitude of indifference to one that acknowledges the value of properly managing our collective archival holdings.

In a further indication of support, for the very first time CPB allocated preservation funding to pilot The American Archive. The American Archive will develop a repository for public radio and television, and PDPTV anticipates making a significant contribution to this initiative.

Viewers keep reminding us that public television programming is precious and has made an indelible imprint. What remains is to continue building commitment across the entire system, so the critical responsibility for saving this American media legacy will be shared, sustained and nurtured over time.

Endnotes
3. “From Wikipedia: An Open Archival Information System (or OAIS) is an archive, consisting of an organization of people and systems, that has accepted the responsibility to preserve information and make it available for a Designated Community. The information being maintained has been deemed to need ‘long term preservation,’ even if the OAIS itself is not permanent.”
5. From Wikipedia: “The Dublin Core metadata element set is a standard for cross-domain information resource description. It provides a simple and standardized set of conventions for describing things online in ways that make them easier to find. Dublin Core is widely used to describe digital materials such as video, sound, image, text, and composite media like Web pages.”

Rumors
Just got word that The Informed Librarian Online has selected an article from Against the Grain as Editor’s Picks. Each month a few journal articles are highlighted for readers. The April 2009 issue of The Informed Librarian picked Bryan Carson’s article in the December 2008/January 2009 issue (v.20/#6,p.62) – “Is Open Source Software a Violation of Antitrust Law: Considering the Case of Wallace v. IBM.” This article is fulltext on the ATG Website.
www.against-the-grain.com
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Speaking of preserving, it is important to read all the articles in this issue of ATG, but I would like to especially point you to James J. Jacobs’ article about government information.

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