

Shelter from the Stormy Blast: *A Guide to Disaster Recovery Resources* *for Georgia and the Southeast*

Preface

Shelter from the Stormy Blast is designed to serve primarily as a compass, helping readers navigate intelligently through a myriad of disaster recovery services and products. While much of the current disaster recovery literature includes extensive lists of vendors, the goal of this publication is to assist readers in making thoughtful decisions and informed choices.

Shelter from the Stormy Blast is intended for the use of libraries and archives, but records repositories, museums, historical societies, and other agencies will also find resources included with their needs in mind. As its subtitle indicates, *Shelter from the Stormy Blast* has been prepared specifically for institutions in Georgia and the Southeast. However, much of the material has general application and will be of use to institutions throughout the United States.

Originally, *Shelter from the Stormy Blast* grew out of a disaster planning process conducted by the Preservation Committee of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education ([ARCHE](#)). It was published by ARCHE and the Southeastern Library Network, Inc. ([SOLINET](#)) in 1998.

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In 2006, the Society of Georgia Archivists ([SGA](#)) created a Disaster Preparedness Committee in response to the widespread disasters of hurricanes Katrina and Rita that took place in 2005 along the Gulf Coast. Projects outlined by the Committee included working with ARCHE and SOLINET to update *Shelter from the Stormy Blast*. Those committee members who worked directly with the update are listed below.

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