

## Nancy E. Gwinn Director

Nancy E. Gwinn has been Director of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries since 1997. She is a recognized leader in the fields of preservation of library collections and the application of library technologies, and for building collaborations and partnerships in collections management and preservation. At the Smithsonian, Gwinn's achievements include launching the Libraries' exhibition program and creating the new Web site "Galaxy of Knowledge," expanding the Libraries rare book and electronic collections, establishing a full-scale preservation program, and creating the first SIL Board to assist with an aggressive fund-raising program. She currently serves as Chair of the Association of Research Libraries Committee on Preservation of Library Materials and as the elected Secretary of the Standing Committee on Preservation and Conservation of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutes (IFLA). She is a member of the advisory committee for a national study on the State of Preservation 2001-2002, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and directed by the Council on Library and Information Resources, Inc. Gwinn joined the Smithsonian in 1984 as the Libraries' Assistant Director for Collections Management. Her career includes positions at the Library of Congress, the Council on Library Resources, and the Research Libraries Group.



A former Fulbright scholar at the University of Oxford in England, Gwinn holds a ph.D. in American Civilization from George Washington University, an A.M.L.S. in Library Science from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. from the University of Wyoming. A frequent consultant and speaker, she has written on many library-related and historical subjects. Her book ***Preservation Microfilming: A Guide for Librarians and Archivists*** won the 1988 Waldo Gifford Leland prize of the Society of American Archivists, and her article, "Coordinating Collection Development: the RLG Conspectus," published in *College and Research Libraries*, was the 1984 winner of the Blackwell North American Scholarship Award, American Library Association.