The National Agricultural Library will host a workshop on risk assessment as part of the FLICC Safety Net series. Co-sponsored by NAL, FLICC, the Library of Congress Preservation Directorate and LYRASIS, the workshop will present a practical approach to risk assessment.

Tom Clareson, Senior Consultant for New Initiatives at LYRASIS and expert on emergency preparedness for cultural institutions, will present an overview of risk assessment for collections. Jeanne Drewes, Chief of Binding and Collections Care at the Library of Congress and an authority on the valuation of collections, will discuss insurance and self-insurance for federal libraries. Barclay Ogden, Director for Library Preservation at the University of California-Berkeley and 2009 recipient of the ALA-Banks/Harris Preservation Award, will introduce a new automated model which assists in evaluating risks to collections and setting priorities for implementation of controls to reduce risk.

The workshop will also include an exercise on conducting a needs assessment survey and conclude with a tour of the National Agricultural Library.