The preservation of documents in any library should start at the moment, when it is created. The deterioration of documents has a direct relation with the climatic condition of that particular place. Preservation of library materials should be considered to be an essential job for any librarian. But, it has been found that preservation is a neglected area in most of the college and university libraries of West Bengal. There is a lack of awareness in this field. Adoption of a firm policy in preservation aspect and implementation of appropriate preservation techniques is a prime necessity for every institution.

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