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Compilation of interviews with librarians who worked at or near World Trade Center and witnessed the events of September 11, 2001

The interviews are divided into following categories:

I. A Beautiful Morning. Events and impressions preceding the attack on WTC (15min. 40 sec.)

II. Taking Care of One Another. Recollections of mutual support and personal consideration in the immediate aftermath of the explosions and during evacuation. (12 min. 30 sec.)

III. Loss. Witnesses described the loss of people they knew. In addition, some of them describe the loss of library materials and whole collections. (13 min. 40 sec)

IV. Recovery. Librarians talk about the difficulty of emotional recovery. They discuss overwhelming support from businesses and organizations in rebuilding collections. Specifically, public libraries throughout the country sent replacement materials, and all for-profit publishers replaced lost subscription without charges. Librarians who were in the vicinity of 9-11 often needed psychological help, and some libraries offered individual and group therapy to alleviate the shock. Pace University Library became a popular place for social interactions among students looking for emotional support. Ellen Berg, the custodian of irreplaceable archives of the United States Customs, strongly advises to move valuable archival materials to reliable storage facilities. Some participants try to define in the mission of librarians in the light of the events of 9.11. (16 min.)

Librarians interviewed and included in the film:

Christine Arthur, Thomson Financial

Ellen K. Berg, United States Customs Service

Suzanne Borenstein, Thacher, Proffitt, & Wood

Martin J. Cullen, Lehman Brothers

Laird Ehlert, New York Legislative Service

David Emgee, United States Customs Service

Josephine Iacullo, New York Public Library, New Amsterdam Branch

Mel Isaacson, Pace University
Geeta Mathur, National Development Research Institute Library, St. Luke

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Cybele Merrick, Vera Institute of Justice

Margarette B. Perrin, New York Law School

Phoebe Ruiz-Valera, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, & Hamilton

Joyce Saltalamachia, New York Law School

Patricia Glass Schuman, Neal-Schuman Publishers

Karol M. Sokol, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, & Hamilton

Ricky Waller, St. John University

Librarians interviewed but not included in the film:

Jan Combopiano, Catalyst

Michael K. Horne, United States Customs Service

Mike Kelly, New York University

Lara Lasner-Frater, United States Environmental Protection Agency Library

Paul C. Perkus, New York City Department of Records and Information Services

James Petrassi, American Banker Newspaper-Thomson Financial

Denise Plourde, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, & Hamilton

Nina Romano, New York University

Fran Sheinwald, New York State Department of Law

The film is dedicated to the memory of librarians who perished:

Lynn Edwards Angell, Children's Librarian (American flight 11)

Helen Belilovsky, Fred Alger Management (93d floor, Tower One)

Maureen Olson and Margaret Quinn Orloske (Marsh and McLennan, 96th floor, Tower One).

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