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SHERMAN: SET THE WAYBACK MACHINE. IT'S TIME FOR A TOUR OF THE INTERNET ARCHIVE.....

Please join us on Wednesday, November 9th, to learn how this unique resource functions. We are fortunate to have the Internet Archive located right in San Francisco and now we have the opportunity to go behind the scenes.

The Internet Archive is a digital library found online at www.archive.org and physically in the Presidio of San Francisco. While known for its Wayback Machine (searchable archive of web pages), the Internet Archive has been collecting and digitizing media since 2000. In 2005, they launched the Open Content Alliance with Yahoo!, Adobe, Hewlett Packard, the UC Libraries, and the University of Toronto to create an open, curated, and free digital repository of public domain works. The Archive is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts and providing free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public.

The tour will show the mechanics of the SCRIBE, the non-destructive scanning process that they commissioned and built. Also on display is the PetaBox, a rack of machines holding anywhere from 64 to 80 terabytes of data.

The main showcase is the Books Room, which has on display the world's largest and smallest books. The Archive has successfully scanned the smallest book, which has 2-point font, so people can read the text easily on the screen. You'll be able to see the process of scanning a book, processing the bits, and then printing, cutting, and binding the pages so the end product is a good facsimile of the book that people can walk away with.

The Internet Archive is located at the Presidio, 116 Sheridan Street (Building 116) near the corner of Montgomery and Taylor. Your host is Rick Prelinger.

Directions: <http://www.archive.org/about/contact.php#directions>

DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2005
TIME: 5:30 — REFRESHMENTS
6:15 — OVERVIEW OF THE ARCHIVE (RICK PRELINGER)
6:35 — TOUR
7:05 — Q & A

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Carpool Information: _____