

Collections Care for Small Museums

Selected Resources

Focus: Preservation and Conservation

Books

The Care of Antiques and Historical Collections, second rev. ed. A. Bruce MacLeish. American Association for State and Local History, 1990.

Care of Collections. Simon Knell. Routledge, 1994.

Caring for Your Collections. The National Committee to Save America's Cultural Collections. Harry Abrams, Inc. Publishers, 1992.

Managing Conservation in Museums, 2nd edition. Suzanne Keene. Butterworth-Heinemann, 2002.

Preservation Planning: Guidelines for Writing a Long-Range Plan. Sheryl Ogden. American Association of Museums, 1998.

Technical Leaflets

The National Park Service's *Conserve O Gram* series are short, focused leaflets about caring for museum objects, published in loose-leaf format. They are available free online.

https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/cons_toc.html

CCI Notes, published by the Canadian Conservation Institute, deal with topics of interest to those who care for cultural objects. Intended for a broad audience, the *Notes* offer practical advice about issues and questions related to the care, handling and storage of cultural objects.

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1439925167385>

Tech Talk is a column published periodically in the *Minnesota History Interpreter* that offers technical assistance on preserving and conserving historic objects, buildings and sites. Available for free online.

<http://www.mnhs.org/shpo/lhs/techtalk.php>

The Northeast Document Conservation provides leaflets for caring for paper and photograph collections. Free access online.

<https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/preservation-leaflets/overview>

Caring for Your Treasures is a series of booklets published by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works. Free access online.

<http://www.conservation-us.org/about-conservation/caring-for-your-treasures#.VzndbeTe7Sg>



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Resources Available on the Internet

The National Park Service's *Museum Handbook* is a reference guide on how to manage, preserve, document, access and use museum collections. Part I focuses on standards and procedures of preventive care for museum collections and also includes appendices on techniques for the preservation of specific types of materials found in museum collections.

<https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/handbook.html>

The Northern States Conservation Center offers technical leaflets and other helpful resources.

www.collectioncare.org

Conservation Online (CoOL), a project of the Preservation Department of Stanford University Libraries, is a full text library of conservation information, covering a wide spectrum of topics of interest to those involved with the conservation of library, archives and museum materials.

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/>

Training Opportunities

The following entities present various collections-based workshops on a periodic basis. Visit their web sites for more information and any upcoming dates. Online workshop options are increasingly popular.

American Association for State and Local History: www.aaslh.org

American Alliance of Museums: www.aam-us.org

Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies: www.campbellcenter.org

Mountain Plains Museum Association: <http://www.mpma.net/>

Northern States Conservation Center's Online Museum Classes: www.museumclasses.org

Texas Association of Museums: www.texasmuseums.org

Texas Historical Commission: www.thc.state.tx.us

Funding Sources

The following organizations (not a complete listing) offer grant funds for collections care related projects:

Institute of Museum and Library Services: <https://www.imls.gov/>

National Endowment for the Humanities: www.neh.gov/grants/

Save America's Treasures: <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/sat/>



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