

The Museum Services Program suggests the following resources for any organization considering creating a new museum. Please direct any questions to Laura Casey at 512-463-6427  
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### **Readings**

*A Handbook for Museum Trustees.* Harold and Susan Skramstad. American Association of Museums, 2003.

*A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.* Marie C. Malaro. Smithsonian Press, 1998.

*From the Ground Up: A Toolkit for Starting a Museum.* American Alliance of Museums.

Available online at

<https://www.aam-us.org/programs/toolkits/from-the-ground-up-starting-a-museum/>

*Museum Administration: An Introduction.* Hugh Genoways and Lynne Ireland. AltaMira Press, 2003.

*Starting Right: A Basic Guide to Museum Planning, 2nd Edition.* George, Gerald. AltaMira Press, 2004.

*Thinking About Starting a Museum? A Discussion Guide and Workbook on Museums and Heritage Projects.* Alberta Association of Museums.

Available online free at

<http://www.museums.ab.ca/media/16939/thinkingaboutstartingmuseum.pdf>.

*What Comes First: Your Guide to Building a Strong, Sustainable Museum or Historical Organization.* Joan H. Baldwin. Museum Association of New York, 2010.

### **Professional Organizations**

American Association of Museums: [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)

Texas Association of Museums: [www.texasmuseums.org](http://www.texasmuseums.org)

American Association for State and Local History: [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

### **Nonprofit Resources**

Texas Nonprofit Management Assistance Network: <http://onestarfoundation.org/onestar-networks/nonprofit-management-alliance-of-texas/>

Texas Secretary of State's site on nonprofit formation: [www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit\\_org.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml)