

**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*. Shereilyn 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/conservoogram/cons\\_toc.html](https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservoogram/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.

[Canadian Conservation Institute \(CCI\) Notes - Canada.ca](http://www.cci.ca/notes)

*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.

[Tech Talk | Minnesota Historical Society](http://www.mhst.org/tech-talk)

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.

[AIC & FAIC Learning: Caring For Your Treasures](http://www.aic-con.org/learning/caring-for-your-treasures)

## 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](http://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.

[Conservation OnLine - CoOL](#)

## 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](http://www.aaslh.org)

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

International Preservation Studies Center: [International Preservation Studies Center](#)

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

Northern States Conservation Center's Online Museum Classes: [www.museumclasses.org](http://www.museumclasses.org)

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

Texas Historical Commission: [Museum Services | Texas Historical Commission](#)

## 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/](http://www.neh.gov/grants/)

Save America's Treasures: [Save America's Treasures Grants - Historic Preservation Fund \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)