The Bookshelf

User’s Guide

Connecting to Collections...A Call to Action...
Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to present you with the *Institute of Museum and Library Services Connecting to Collections Bookshelf.*

This set of collections care resources is designed to assist small to mid-sized museums and libraries in caring for their collections, and IMLS is committed to distributing 2,000 copies free of charge as part of the *Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action* initiative.

The IMLS has had many partners in this effort. We are most grateful to the Getty Foundation and the Henry Luce Foundation for their financial support and to Heritage Preservation for its expert role in selecting the contents. Without the help of our cooperating partner, the American Association for State and Local History, which has managed the acquisition and distribution of the Bookshelf, this project simply could not have been realized.

It is my hope that with these resources, institutions across our nation can continue to safeguard our nation’s valuable collections. We welcome your comments on the materials.

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Inclusion of any particular title is not meant as an endorsement by IMLS.
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The IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf is a core component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative launched by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2006. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America’s collections, especially those held by small to medium-sized libraries and museums, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to provide optimal care for their collections.

All four components of the initiative are based on the results of the Heritage Health Index (2005), which argued powerfully for improved collections care in the United States. Three of the study’s recommendations pertain to collecting institutions: that they provide safe conditions for their collections, develop an emergency plan to protect their collections, and assign responsibility for collections care to a staff person. The fourth calls for individuals at all levels of government and the private sector to provide support for efforts to protect our nation’s collections.

The Connecting to Collections initiative’s inaugural event, the National Summit, addressed issues related to the Heritage Health Index recommendations. In June 2007, 200 representatives from small museums and libraries in each state, along with experts and leaders in the field, civic officials, and foundation heads, convened in Washington, D.C. Speakers at this standing-room-only summit shared both inspirational and practical information with attendees.

To bring the National Summit to the rest of the nation, IMLS designed a National Tour. Held in four different cities in 2008 and 2009 — Atlanta, Denver, San Diego, and Buffalo — each forum has been created to explore a different theme with national implications.

The third component of Connecting to Collections is a new grant program of Statewide Planning Grants, awarded to every state, commonwealth, and territory to create collaborative plans that respond to the Heritage Health Index recom-
recommendations. These grants, scheduled for announcement on February 1, 2008, and February 2, 2009, complement several collections care and management funding programs already in place at IMLS.

The IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf is crucial for the success of the entire initiative, as it is intended as a permanent resource, useful long after the other components have been completed. This resource consists of 22 texts divided into two parts: one contains special selections for living collections, and the other is intended for all other kinds of collections. The Bookshelf also includes A Guide to Online Resources organized by topic and containing 266 links; it is posted on the IMLS Website (www.imls.gov/collections).

This User’s Guide to the Bookshelf includes a description of each of the resources and a series of common questions about collections care, along with references to sections of the Bookshelf for answers. These questions are those that can be answered by the Bookshelf materials rather than questions about collections management in general. The User’s Guide is a useful, accessible starting point for your immersion in the Bookshelf’s rich content.

The process of choosing the contents of the Bookshelf was exhaustive. IMLS and Heritage Preservation surveyed some 100 conservation and preservation professionals, who recommended more than 300 resources. IMLS then convened two panels of experts, one for living collections and the other for the core collections. The panelists narrowed the lists of recommended texts, while emphasizing the most accessible and current resources. IMLS Director Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Ph.D., made the final selections.

The IMLS hopes that you and your colleagues will return again and again to The IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, as you devote the care and attention to your collections necessary to preserve them for generations to come.

Photos Courtesy Marion County Historical Society Museum. © Tom Little Photography and Imaging. Used with permission from Heritage Preservation.
Use this resource to:

- educate your administrators and board about using collections care to attract new members and means of support.
- learn about how to employ collections care activities to reach new audiences.
- get an overview of fundraising principles and sources.

Collections care can be an engaging and colorful resource for generating contributions, increasing membership, and attracting visitors. Capitalize on Collections Care outlines principles and strategies that can help garner support from the private and public sectors. Examples from a variety of collecting institutions show how to raise the visibility of collections care so that fundraising for preservation and conservation can be successful.

Author: Heritage Preservation, Inc.
Publisher: Heritage Preservation, Inc.
Date of Publication: 2007
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Soft cover
Features: Color photographs; funding case studies; funding resources.

To Order:
Heritage Preservation
1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, 202-233-0800
www.heritagepreservation.org
Written by a leading conservation instructor, *The Care of Prints and Drawings* is a straightforward guide to many issues facing works of art on paper. The chapters review parchment and paper care; various media used in prints and drawings; matting, hinging, and framing; storage and environment; and basic conservation procedures. Each chapter contains suggestions for further reading. The book is written in clear prose and includes step-by-step instructions, photographs, diagrams, and appendices with additional practical tips.

**Author:** Margaret Ellis Holben  
**Publisher:** AltaMira Press  
**Date of Publication:** 1996  
**Edition Number:** n/a  
**Cover:** Soft cover  
**Features:** Black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; annotated bibliography; suggested readings; supply source list.

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**To Order:**  
AltaMira Press  
4501 Forbes Blvd., Suite 200, Lanham, MD 20706, 800-462-6420  
www.altamirapress.com
Caring for American Indian Objects is a practical guide that offers collection caregivers, conservators, and collectors helpful information on standard museum practice to aid them in making decisions to slow deterioration. Fourteen contributors, both Indian and non-Indian, discuss general aspects of museum care, explain techniques for particular materials, and address important cultural considerations.

**Author:** Sherelyn Ogden, editor  
**Publisher:** Minnesota Historical Society Press  
**Date of Publication:** 2004  
**Edition Number:** n/a  
**Cover:** Soft cover  
**Features:** Color and black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; bibliography; glossary; list of service organizations.

**Use this resource to:**
- learn how to care for and exhibit culturally sensitive materials.
- help your institution define policies for consulting with American Indian communities.
- gain knowledge of appropriate storage materials and furniture for all types of collections.

**To Order:**  
Minnesota Historical Society  
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102, 800-621-2736  
www.mnhs.org
Caring for Your Family Treasures is a concise guide to caring for objects of great value, whether sentimental or monetary. Written in collaboration with museum experts, it provides practical advice and clear guidelines on the care and maintenance of objects for daily use, as well as preservation of more fragile objects. Special information boxes and checklists for each category of treasure complement the text. The book also includes tips on locating genealogical information and archival suppliers.

Author: Jane S. Long and Richard W. Long  
Publisher: Heritage Preservation, Inc.  
Date of Publication: 2000  
Edition Number: n/a  
Cover: Soft cover  
Features: Color photographs, figures; index; glossary.

To Order:  
Heritage Preservation  
1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, 202-233-0800  
www.heritagepreservation.org
Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources

Use this resource to:

- lead you to the most current and reputable collections care information.
- serve as a starting point for your collections care research on the Web.
- supplement information provided in the physical resources on the Bookshelf.

Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources is the digital companion to the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf and is on the Institute of Museum and Library Services Website at www.imls.gov/collections. The Guide contains links to the most-trusted collections care resources on the Web. Links are organized to address general collections management, the collections environment, specific types of materials (including living collections), emergencies, funding and promoting collections care, collections care ethics, and opportunities for collections care training.

Author: Heritage Preservation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services
Publisher: Institute of Museum and Library Services
Date of Publication: 2007
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: n/a
Features: Website.

To Order:
Online only at www.imls.gov/collections
The *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* is a well-respected cultural heritage protection tool that outlines critical stages of disaster response, such as stabilizing the environment and assessing damage. This slide-chart also provides practical salvage tips for nine types of collections: books and paper, electronic records, textiles, furniture, ceramics/stone/metal, organic materials, natural history specimens, framed artworks, and photographs. For quick reference, attach the Wheel to a storage unit or filing cabinet using the magnets on its handle.

Author: Heritage Preservation, Inc.  
Publisher: Heritage Preservation, Inc.  
Date of Publication: 2005  
Edition Number: n/a  
Cover: n/a  
Features: Glossary.

**To Order:**  
Heritage Preservation  
1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, 202-233-0800  
www.heritagepreservation.org
Field Guide to Emergency Response

Use this resource to:

• respond to a collections emergency.
• train volunteers.
• review salvage techniques.

The Field Guide to Emergency Response is useful to staff at any cultural institution in planning for and responding to emergencies, especially those involving collections. The spiral-bound book describes phases of response, duties of response team members, and basic salvage techniques for common problems resulting from a disaster (such as water, mold, mud, and corrosion). A DVD (located in the book’s back pocket) with over one hour of content provides advice from professionals about salvage operations, demonstrates salvage techniques, and is handy in conducting training for staff or recovery volunteers. Tabbed forms provide space to note key emergency contacts, utility shut-off locations, salvage priorities, insurance information, and recovery supply needs.

Author: Heritage Preservation, Inc.
Publisher: Heritage Preservation, Inc.
Date of Publication: 2006
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Spiral-bound soft cover
Features: DVD; bibliography; tabbed forms, worksheets.

To Order:
Heritage Preservation
1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, 202-233-0800
www.heritagepreservation.org
Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections

Use this resource to:

- gain a better understanding of agents that can damage your collection.
- learn how to avoid, block, detect, respond to, and treat damage from those agents.
- prepare policies and procedures to deal with collection preservation.

Applicable to any type of cultural institution, not only museums, the Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections outlines various methods that can be used to avoid or control potential deterioration of museum and library objects. In an easy-to-use matrix wall chart format, rows list nine agents of deterioration (direct physical forces; thieves, vandals, displacers; fire; water; pests; contaminants; radiation; incorrect temperature; and incorrect relative humidity), while the columns present three different levels (storage, display, and transit) at which the agents of deterioration can be controlled within the building environment. The procedures column suggests actions that can be taken and policies that should be established to minimize the potential damage to a collection.

Author: Canadian Conservation Institute
Publisher: Canadian Heritage
Date of Publication: 2004
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: n/a
Features: Table.

To Order: (available in English/French or English/Spanish)
Canadian Conservation Institute
1030 Innes Rd., Ottawa, ON K1A 0M5 Canada, 866-998-3721
www.cci-icc.gc.ca
Use this resource to:

- learn about current issues facing African American collecting institutions.
- brainstorm creative ways to partner with other institutions.
- gain knowledge of simple preventive conservation methods.

This special issue of the *International Review of African American Art*, “Strengthening the Three C’s,” published by the Hampton University Museum, is dedicated to addressing collections and conservation issues related to diverse collections. Numerous articles by leaders in the African American museum and library communities provide insight into the evolution of African American cultural interpretation, achieving accreditation, creative collaborations, collections care, and other special topics. This special issue was funded by a grant from the IMLS.

**Author:** Hampton University Museum  
**Publisher:** Hampton University Museum  
**Date of Publication:** 2007  
**Edition Number:** vol. 21, no. 4  
**Cover:** Soft cover (periodical)  
**Features:** Color photographs.

**To Order:**
Hampton University Museum  
Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668, 757-727-5308  
www.hamptonu.edu/museum/publication.htm
Use this resource to:

- discover how the current storage conditions of your media collections may be hastening their decay.
- quickly locate proper relative humidity and temperature levels for photograph and moving image collections.
- plan for creating an optimum storage area, such as cold or frozen storage.

A two-part publication, the *IPI Media Storage Quick Reference* explains how to provide long-term, preservation-quality storage for diverse media collections. It reviews key preservation challenges for still and motion picture film, glass plate negatives, magnetic tape, photographic paper prints, inkjet prints, CDs, and DVDs, emphasizing how the storage environment affects them both individually and when housed together. The spiral-bound booklet’s text, diagrams, and tables present the information in an easily accessible format. A wheel, located in the back pocket of the booklet, summarizes each medium’s film support and life expectancy, preservation issues, and recommendations for the temperature and relative humidity of storage environments.

**Author:** Peter Z. Adelstein  
**Publisher:** Image Permanence Institute  
**Date of Publication:** 2004  
**Edition Number:** n/a  
**Cover:** Spiral-bound soft cover  
**Features:** Wheel slide-chart; color figures and tables; bibliography; glossary.

**To Order:**  
Image Permanence Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology  
70 Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623, 585-475-5199  
www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org
Although _A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections_ focuses on the fiduciary responsibility of museums, it is an essential resource for all collections care professionals. The text provides an overview of collections management policies, proper methods of accessioning and deaccessioning collections items, loan procedures, gifts, appraisals and authentications, collections care responsibilities, how to handle thefts, insurance, copyright, visitor access, and safety issues. Within each topic, legal issues, relevant cases, and court decisions are discussed. The book also provides outlines, checklists, model documents, and appendices of legal codes.

**Author:** Marie C. Malaro  
**Publisher:** Smithsonian Institution Press  
**Date of Publication:** 1998  
**Edition Number:** Second edition  
**Cover:** Soft cover  
**Features:** Sample forms, legal documents, and extensive footnotes.
The definitive collections care resource for the entire National Park Service system, Part I of the Museum Handbook focuses on standards and procedures of preventive care for museum collections that are applicable to all collecting institutions. Chapters provide meticulous details about preservation and conservation of a wide array of object types; emergency planning; handling and shipping objects; integrated pest management; security and fire protection; storage buildings, equipment, and techniques; and staff health and safety.

Author: Museum Management Program
Publisher: National Park Service
Date of Publication: 1990-2005
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: D-ring binder
Features: Black and white photographs, figures, tables; bibliographies; list of service organizations; form and checklist templates.

To Order:
You may download the publication free of charge from the National Park Service Museum Management Program website at www.nps.gov/history/museum/publications/index.htm
This comprehensive manual gives practical guidance on the care and maintenance of historic interiors and objects. It outlines the agents of deterioration and issues specific to architectural and decorative elements. With chapters authored by experienced conservators, it also provides advice on the full range of collections that may be located on a historic property, from costumes and clocks to books and outdoor stone sculpture. The book reviews preventive conservation measures in storage, exhibits, special events, and other historic house functions.

**Author:** The National Trust  
**Publisher:** Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann  
**Date of Publication:** 2006  
**Edition Number:** n/a  
**Cover:** Hardbound  
**Features:** Color and black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; extensive bibliography; suggested readings; list of service organizations.

**To Order:**  
Elsevier Science and Technology Books  
11830 Westline Industrial Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146  
314-453-4683
This seminal book was first published in 1986 to present the philosophy and ethics of conservation to the public. As a primer about the training and responsibilities of a conservator, the role of science in conservation, and the ethical dilemmas conservators must face, it continues to be useful today. It features examples and illustrations of various types of artifacts in need of or undergoing conservation treatment.

Author: Philip Ward  
Publisher: The Getty Conservation Institute  
Date of Publication: 1986  
Edition Number: n/a  
Cover: Soft cover  
Features: Color photographs.

To Order:  
Reprinted specifically for the Bookshelf. Unavailable for purchase.
Photographs: Archival Care and Management provides collections care staff with easy-to-implement and comprehensive guidance on the care of all types of photographs. This resource covers topics including process history, research, and photo identification; appraisal and acquisitions; accessioning and arrangement; cataloging and preservation; legal and ethical issues; and copying and digitizing. Appendices provide guidance on supplies and equipment, workspace design, sources of assistance, learning resources, and sensitive photographs and access issues.

Author: Mary Lynn Ritzenhaler and Diane Vogt-O’Connor
Publisher: Society of American Archivists
Date of Publication: 2006
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Hardbound
Features: Color and black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; extensive bibliography; glossary; lists of suppliers and service organizations.

Use this resource to:

- integrate the preservation and research needs of your photographs.
- develop an effective digitization program.
- inspire new methods of public outreach and fundraising.

To Order:
Society of American Archivists
527 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60607, 312-922-0140
www.archivists.org
Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums discusses managing preservation in today’s information age. Concise and readable essays, written by cutting-edge preservation practitioners, provide the latest research and guidance on key issues such as policy and planning, preserving intangible heritage, indigenous property rights, and collections accessibility. They also tackle contemporary issues facing collecting institutions, from preserving cultural heritage in times of conflict to collecting and preserving digital artifacts. This resource is helpful as both a philosophical overview of preservation and a practical guide featuring case studies. The book concludes with the editors’ summation of the future of collections management and what new approaches will be necessary to address it.

Author: G. E. Gorman and Sydney J. Shep, editors
Publisher: Facet Publishing
Date of Publication: 2006
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Hardbound
Features: Index; references at the end of each chapter.

To Order:
Facet Publishing
7 Ridgemount Street, London, UK WC1E 7AE
www.facetpublishing.co.uk
Use this resource to:

- learn of ways institutions are educating visitors and patrons about the preservation needs of their collections.
- design a successful preservation education program at your institution.
- see promotional materials in use around the country.

While this resource focuses on preservation awareness in libraries, it provides tips and advice that are practical for any collecting institution. *Promoting Preservation Awareness in Libraries* explains how to create, implement, and evaluate formal and informal preservation education programs in school, public, academic, and special collections. Chapters are written by contributors from a wide range of positions in librarianship and academia. Building on the assumption that most misuse is caused by a misunderstanding or a lack of understanding, much attention is given to reaching all types of patrons and changing attitudes.

**Author:** Jeanne M. Drewes and Julie A. Page, editors  
**Publisher:** Greenwood Press  
**Date of Publication:** 1997  
**Edition Number:** n/a  
**Cover:** Hardbound  
**Features:** Black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; annotated bibliographies; videography.

**To Order:**  
Greenwood Press  
800-225-5800  
www.greenwood.com
Use this resource to:

- help you articulate your institution’s conservation goals to a general audience.
- prepare a plan for how your conservation activities fit into the world strategy.
- ensure that your institution is complying with the best practices for zoo and aquarium administration.

The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy provides a common philosophy for zoos and aquariums worldwide and defines standards and policies for achieving conservation goals. Chapters addressing conservation integration, wild populations, science and research, population management, education and training, communication, partnerships and politics, sustainability, and ethics and animal welfare provide a clearly defined vision for institutional conservation activities and recommendations for how to realize that vision.

Author: World Association of Zoos and Aquariums
Publisher: World Association of Zoos and Aquariums Executive Office
Date of Publication: 2005
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Soft cover
Features: Black and white photographs and figures; chapter summaries; glossary; list of service organizations.

To Order:
World Association of Zoos and Aquariums Executive Office
PO Box 23, Liebefeld, Switzerland
www.waza.org
The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens

Use this resource to:

- help you develop your basic planning documents.
- learn about necessary equipment and materials for maintaining your collection.
- provide ideas for training staff and volunteers on collection maintenance.

The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens is a clear and concise handbook for the management of botanic gardens that brings together current knowledge and practices to help botanic garden staff make informed decisions. Addressing major aspects of botanic garden administration, including collections policy and management, equipment and facilities, master site planning, and funding, chapters provide concrete advice and practical case studies from around the world, understandable to staff at all levels of experience.

Author: Etelka Leadley and Jane Greene, editors
Publisher: Botanic Gardens Conservation International
Date of Publication: 1998
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Spiral-bound soft cover
Features: Black and white photographs, figures, tables; case studies; chapter summaries; bibliography.

To Order:
Botanic Gardens Conservation International
199 Kew Rd., Richmond, Surrey, UK TW9 3BW
www.bgci.org
Dr. Burgess’s Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes, Second Edition

Use this resource to:

- determine what types of fish to include in your aquarium.
- diagnose and treat diseases and parasites.
- establish a schedule for maintenance of the tank.

A guide to identifying and caring for fish, Dr. Burgess’s Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes contains over 1,900 full-color photos of the most popular marine fishes, indexed by both scientific and popular names, and a symbol-based description of their characteristics. A setup and maintenance section explains the details of a marine aquarium, including equipment, filtration, water chemistry, feeding, handling, diseases, and breeding.

Author: Dr. Warren E. Burgess, Dr. Herbert Axelrod, and Raymond E. Hunziker III
Publisher: T.F.H. Publications, Inc.
Date of Publication: 1997
Edition Number: Second edition
Cover: Hardbound
Features: Color photographs and figures; scientific and common name indices.

To Order:
T.F.H. Publications
PO Box 427, Neptune, NJ 07754, 732-776-8763
www.tfhpublications.com
Essentials of Conservation Biology combines theory and basic research to explain the connections between conservation biology and environmental economics, education, ethics, law, and the social sciences in clear, non-technical language. Case studies highlight species and issues of particular significance. A major theme throughout the book is the active role that scientists, the general public, conservation organizations, and governments can play in protecting biological diversity, even while providing for human needs.

**Author:** Richard B. Primack  
**Publisher:** Sinauer Associates, Inc.  
**Date of Publication:** 2006  
**Edition Number:** Fourth edition  
**Cover:** Hardbound  
**Features:** Black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; extensive bibliography; chapter summaries, discussion questions, and suggested readings; glossary; list of service organizations; conservation challenges case studies.

**To Order:**  
Sinauer Associates, Inc.  
23 Plumtree Road, Sunderland, MA 01375, 413-549-4300  
www.sinauer.com

Use this resource to:
- be informed of current environmental concerns facing living collections.  
- learn how to involve stakeholders in the care of living collections.  
- direct more in-depth reading on topics discussed.
Use this resource to:

- outline your institutional plan to contribute to the conservation of plant diversity.
- inform administrators and board members about the global goals for plant conservation.
- explain to your visitors and stakeholders the reasoning behind your conservation activities.

The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation serves botanical gardens and arboretums as a framework for conservation action at global, regional, national, and local levels. It provides 16 outcome-oriented targets that are intended to promote the achievement of a series of plant conservation goals by the year 2010. The goals encompass documenting, conserving, and using plant diversity.

Author: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Publisher: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Date of Publication: 2002
Edition Number: n/a
Cover: Soft cover
Features: n/a

To Order:
Botanic Gardens Conservation International
199 Kew Rd., Richmond, Surrey, UK TW9 3BW
www.bgci.org
Use this resource to:

- understand the range of veterinary care that animals in your collection require.
- inform your research for interpretive programs.
- determine the potential for zoonotic diseases at your institution.

An essential resource for animal caretakers, *Zoo and Wild Animal Medicine Current Therapy* addresses the special challenges posed by individual and herd medical management, newly emerging diseases in diverse wild animal populations, the effect of habitat loss and destruction on wildlife species, and the utilization of zoo animals in the detection of potential zoonoses.

**Author:** Murray E. Fowler and R. Eric Miller  
**Publisher:** Elsevier Saunders  
**Date of Publication:** 2008  
**Edition Number:** Sixth edition  
**Cover:** Hardbound  
**Features:** Black and white photographs, figures, tables; index; chapter references.

To Order:  
Elsevier  
http://us.elsevierhealth.com
What information can we share with our governing body to show them how important collections care is?

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY

- *A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections*
  Chapter I: What is a Museum? What is Required of Its Board Members?
  Chapter II: Museums Are Accountable to Whom?

USING COLLECTIONS CARE TO ATTRACT VISITORS AND FUNDING

- *Capitalize on Collections Care*
- *Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources*
  Increase Support for Collections Care
  Learn More about Collections Care
- *The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping*
  Chapter 65: Interpreting conservation

STANDARDS IN COLLECTIONS CARE

- *Building a Future for Wildlife*
- *Caring for American Indian Objects*
  Forward
- *Caring for Your Family Treasures*
- *Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources*
  Learn More about Collections Care, Philosophy and Ethics of Collections Care
- *Essentials of Conservation Biology*
  Part I: Major Issues That Define the Discipline
  Part II: Valuing Biodiversity
- *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*
- *International Review of African American Art*
- *A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections*
  Chapter XIV: Care of Collections
- *National Park Service Museum Handbook*
  Appendix D: Code of Ethics for Curators, Archivists, and Conservators
2 Where can we find information on raising funds for collections care?

- Building a Future for Wildlife
  2.7: Funding base

- Capitalize on Collections Care

- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Increase Support for Collections Care, Funding for Collections Care

- The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens
  Chapter 10: Networks and support, Section 2: Support groups for the individual institution
  Chapter 11: Funding the botanic garden

- International Review of African American Art
  “Strategic Collaborations”
  “Conceiving Consortia”

- National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Chapter 12: Curatorial Funding, Staffing, and Reporting

- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 63: Events: planning and protection

- Photographs: Archival Care and Management
  Chapter 13: Outreach: Public Programs, Public Relations, and Fund-Raising
  Appendix III: Funding Sources

3 What kind of plan do we need for the care and preservation of our collections?

- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Manage a Collection

- The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens
  Chapter 1: Planning and management techniques
  Chapter 3: Collections policy – guidelines to manage collection

- Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections
  Procedures column

- International Review of African American Art
  “Redefining the Collecting Mission”

- A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections
  Chapter XIV: Care of Collections, Section E: Disaster Planning
It seems like there is just so much to be done. How can I prioritize the needs of our collections?

How can I find information on how to care for specific types of collections?

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

- National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Appendix I: Curatorial Care of Archeological Objects
- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 49: Archaeological collections

AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS

- Caring for American Indian Objects
  Chapter 26: Audiotapes and Videotapes
- Caring for Your Family Treasures
  Home Movies: Film and Videotape
- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Care for Collections, Audio-Visual Materials
- IPI Media Storage Quick Reference
- Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums
  Chapter 7: Preservation of audiovisual media: traditional to interactive formats
BOOKS

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**
  - Books
  - Scrapbooks and Albums
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  - Care for Collections, Books
- **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**
- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  - Chapter 42: Books

CERAMICS, GLASS, AND STONE

- **Caring for American Indian Objects**
  - Chapter 17: Glass Beads
  - Chapter 21: Ceramics
  - Chapter 22: Stone
- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**
  - Ceramics and Glass
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  - Care for Collections, Ceramics and Glass
- **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**
- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**
  - Appendix P: Curatorial Care of Ceramic, Glass, and Stone Objects
- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  - Chapter 14: Mosaics and decorative tiles
  - Chapter 24: Stone, plaster and terracotta
  - Chapter 25: Ceramics
  - Chapter 26: Glass

DIGITAL MATERIALS

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**
  - Digital Information
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  - Care for Collections, Digital Materials
- **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**
- **Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums**
  - Chapter 8: Challenges of managing the digitally born artefact

LIVING ANIMALS

- **Building a Future for Wildlife**
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  - Care for Collections, Living Animals
- **Dr. Burgess’s Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes**
• Essentials of Conservation Biology
• Zoo and Wild Animal Medicine Current Therapy

LIVING PLANTS
• Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Care for Collections, Living Plants
• The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens
• Essentials of Conservation Biology
• Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

METAL
• Caring for American Indian Objects
  Chapter 19: Metals and Alloys
• Caring for Your Family Treasures
  Silver, Other Decorative Metals, and Jewelry
  Musical Instruments
  Military Mementos
• Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Care for Collections, Metal
• National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Appendix O: Curatorial Care of Metal Objects
• The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 22: Metalwork
  Chapter 23: Decorative light fittings
  Chapter 27: Metals
  Chapter 28: Arms and armour
  Chapter 29: Clocks and watches
  Chapter 30: Scientific instruments
  Chapter 31: Musical instruments
  Chapter 53: Outdoor metals
  Chapter 55: Vehicles

NATURAL SCIENCE
• Caring for Your Family Treasures
  Treasures of Nature
• Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Care for Collections, Natural Science Specimens
• National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Appendix Q: Curatorial Care of Natural History Collections
  Appendix T: Curatorial Care of Biological Collections
  Appendix U: Curatorial Care of Paleontological and Geological Collections
• *The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping*
  Chapter 47: Natural history collections

**ORGANIC MATERIALS**

• *Caring for American Indian Objects*
  Chapter 13: Skin and Skin Products
  Chapter 14: Quills, Horn, Hair, Feathers, Claws, and Baleen
  Chapter 15: Shell
  Chapter 16: Bone, Antler, Ivory, and Teeth
  Chapter 25: Plant Materials

• *Caring for Your Family Treasures*
  Treasures of Nature

• *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel*

• *National Park Service Museum Handbook*
  Appendix S: Curatorial Care of Objects Made from Leather and Skin Products

• *The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping*
  Chapter 35: Leather
  Chapter 48: World culture collections

**PAINTINGS**

• *Caring for American Indian Objects*
  Chapter 27: Framed Items

• *Caring for Your Family Treasures*
  Paintings

• *Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources*
  Care for Collections, Paintings

• *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel*

• *National Park Service Museum Handbook*
  Appendix L: Curatorial Care of Paintings

• *The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping*
  Chapter 16: Painted interiors: wall paintings and painted decoration
  Chapter 44: Paintings
  Chapter 45: Portrait miniatures

**PAPER AND EPHEMERA**

• *The Care of Prints and Drawings*

• *Caring for American Indian Objects*
  Chapter 24: Paper

• *Caring for Your Family Treasures*
  Family Treasures on Paper
  Scrapbooks and Albums
• **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Care for Collections, Paper and Ephemera

• **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**

• **National Park Service Museum Handbook**  
  Appendix J: Curatorial Care of Paper Objects

• **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**  
  Chapter 17: Wallpaper  
  Chapter 40: Paper  
  Chapter 41: Glazed framed paper and other materials

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

• **Caring for Your Family Treasures**  
  Scrapbooks and Albums  
  Photographic Prints and Transparencies

• **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Care for Collections, Photographs

• **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**

• **IPI Media Storage Quick Reference**

• **National Park Service Museum Handbook**  
  Appendix M: Management of Cellulose Nitrate and Cellulose Ester Film  
  Appendix R: Curatorial Care of Photographic Collections

• **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**  
  Chapter 43: Photographs

• **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**

**PLASTICS**

• **Caring for American Indian Objects**  
  Chapter 23: Plastics and Modern Materials

• **Caring for Your Family Treasures**  
  Little Friends: Dolls, Teddy Bears, and Toy Soldiers

• **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**  
  Chapter 50: Plastics

**TEXTILES**

• **Caring for American Indian Objects**  
  Chapter 18: Textiles

• **Caring for Your Family Treasures**  
  Fabrics  
  Little Friends: Dolls, Teddy Bears, and Toy Soldiers

• **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Care for Collections, Textiles
It is our responsibility to prevent damage to the collection. What routine steps can we take to monitor and combat the agents of deterioration: temperature fluctuations, relative humidity fluctuations, excessive light, pests, air quality, and handling?

- *The Care of Prints and Drawings*
  Chapter 4: Storage and Environment
TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  Manage the Collections Environment, Temperature and Relative Humidity

- **IPI Media Storage Quick Reference**

- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section C: Temperature and Relative Humidity
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section D: Monitoring and Controlling Relative Humidity and Temperature

RELATIVE HUMIDITY FLUCTUATIONS

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  Manage the Collections Environment, Temperature and Relative Humidity

- **IPI Media Storage Quick Reference**

- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section C: Temperature and Relative Humidity
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section D: Monitoring and Controlling Relative Humidity and Temperature

- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  Chapter 10: Relative humidity as an agent of deterioration
EXCESSIVE LIGHT

- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Manage the Collections Environment, Light
- National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section E: Light
- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 9: Light as an agent of deterioration

PESTS

- Caring for American Indian Objects
  Appendix 3: General Procedures for Freezing Museum Collections to Eliminate Insect Pests
- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Manage the Collections Environment, Pests
- The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens
  Chapter 5: Horticulture, Section 3: Managing the environment
- Dr. Burgess's Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes
  Set-Up and Maintenance, Diseases and Parasites
- Essentials of Conservation Biology
  Chapter 10: Overexploitation, Invasive Species, and Disease
- National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Chapter 5: Biological Infestations
- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 8: Biological agents of deterioration

AIR QUALITY

- Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources
  Manage the Collections Environment, Air Quality
- Dr. Burgess's Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes
  Set-Up and Maintenance
- IPI Media Storage Quick Reference
- National Park Service Museum Handbook
  Chapter 4: Museum Collections Environment, Section F: Dust and Gaseous Air Pollution
- The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping
  Chapter 7: Chemical agents of deterioration

HANDLING

- Caring for American Indian Objects
  Chapter 8: Handling Suggestions
- Dr. Burgess's Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes
  Set-Up and Maintenance, Handling Fishes
7 How do I find a qualified conservation professional?

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**
  Finding Professional Help

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  Learn More about Collections Care, Service Organizations

- **International Review of African American Art**

- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**
  Chapter 8: Conservation Treatment, Section D: Obtaining the Services of a Conservator

- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  Chapter 68: Commissioning conservation work

8 Our institution relies heavily on volunteers. What information about collections care should we share with them?

- **The Care of Prints and Drawings**
  Chapter 5: Basic Conservation Procedures

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  Increase Support for Collections Care, Informing the General Public

- **The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens**
  Chapter 9: Training botanic garden staff
  Chapter 10: Networks and support, Section 2: Support groups for the individual institution

- **Field Guide to Emergency Response**
  DVD

- **A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections**
  Chapter XVII: Visitor and Employee Safety as It Relates to Collections

- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  Chapter 3: History of housekeeping
  Chapter 12: Housekeeping tasks
  Chapter 57: Health and safety
Chapter 59: Opening historic houses
Chapter 63: Events: planning and protection

- **Promoting Preservation Awareness in Libraries**
  Chapter 2: Creating Preservation Education Programs for Staff and Library Customers

9 How do we safely label objects in our collection?

- **Caring for American Indian Objects**
  Appendix 1: Recommendations for Applying Accession Numbers to Museum Items

- **The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens**
  Chapter 4: Collections management, Section 3: Management practice

- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**
  Chapter 5: Accessioning and Arrangement
  Chapter 8: Integrating Preservation and Archival Procedures, Arrangement and Description

10 We want to replace poor quality storage enclosures and boxes with improved materials. What guidelines and procedures should we follow?

- **The Care of Prints and Drawings**
  Chapter 4: Storage and Environment

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**
  Finding Materials and Tools for Cleaning, Display, and Storage

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**
  Care for Collections
  Manage the Collections Environment, Storage
  Learn More about Collections Care, Glossaries and Materials Databases

- **Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections**

- **IPI Media Storage Quick Reference**

- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**
  Chapter 7: Museum Collections Storage

- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**
  Chapter 61: Storage

- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**
  Chapter 7: Preservation, Storage Furniture, Enclosure Materials, Housing and Storage Systems
We are getting ready to build a new or expanded storage facility. What issues should we consider?

- **The Care of Prints and Drawings**  
  Chapter 4: Storage and Environment
- **Caring for American Indian Objects**  
  Appendix 2: Storage Furniture
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Manage the Collections Environment, Storage
- **The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens**  
  Chapter 6: Equipment and facilities, Sections 8-10: Nursery Site, Greenhouses, Shade houses
- **Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections**
- **International Review of African American Art**  
  “Housing Horrors”  
  “Redefining the Collecting Mission”
- **IPI Media Storage Quick Reference**
- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**  
  Chapter 7: Museum Collections Storage
- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**  
  Chapter 61: Storage  
  Chapter 62: Building work: planning and protection
- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**  
  Chapter 7: Preservation, Housing and Storage Systems  
  Appendix II: Setting Up a Workstation for Examining and Housing Photographic Materials

Our institution is working on a disaster plan. How can we find out if we have covered everything?

- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Prepare for and Respond to an Emergency
- **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**
- **Field Guide to Emergency Response**
- **Framework for Preservation of Museum Collections**
- **National Park Service Museum Handbook**  
  Chapter 9: Museum Collections Security and Fire Protection  
  Chapter 10: Museum Collections, Emergency Planning
- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**  
  Chapter 8: Integrating Preservation and Archival Procedures, Emergency Preparedness
In a disaster, how do we work with emergency responders, handle water-damaged materials, and prevent further damage?

- **Caring for Your Family Treasures**  
  Security and Insurance, Ten Tips for the Care of Flood-Damaged Family Heirlooms
- **Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources**  
  Prepare for and Respond to an Emergency, Respond
- **Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel**
- **Field Guide to Emergency Response**
- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**  
  Chapter 7: Preservation, Preservation Procedures

How can our institution balance the care of collections with making them accessible to visitors and users?

- **The Care of Prints and Drawings**  
  Chapter 3: Matting, Hinging, and Framing
- **A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections**  
  Chapter XVI: Access to Collections
- **The National Trust Manual of Housekeeping**  
  Chapter 59: Opening historic houses  
  Chapter 63: Events: planning and protection
- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**  
  Chapter 8: Integrating Preservation and Archival Procedures  
  Chapter 11: Copying and Duplication  
  Chapter 12: Digitizing Photographs
- **Preservation Management for Libraries, Archives and Museums**  
  Chapter 5: Moving with the times in search of permanence  
  Chapter 10: Access and the social contract in memory institutions  
  Chapter 11: Redefining ‘the collection’ in the 21st century

What guidelines can we refer to when planning a digitization project?

- **The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens**  
  Chapter 7: Plant records for living collections, Section 4: Methods of holding records
- **Photographs: Archival Care and Management**  
  Chapter 12: Digitizing Photographs
How can we balance preservation with being respectful of the cultural considerations of our collections?

Members of the public often ask us for advice on how to care for their personal collections. Where can we point them for help?

It is important to raise public awareness about the care of collections. How can we accomplish this?
How do we protect our collection from invasive species?

- *Connecting to Collections: A Guide to Online Resources*
  Manage the Collections Environment, Pests
- *The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens*
  Chapter 5: Horticulture, Section 3: Managing the environment
- *Essentials of Conservation Biology*
  Chapter 10: Overexploitation, Invasive Species, and Disease

How can we complement what is happening worldwide in in situ conservation with what we are doing locally at our site (ex situ)?

- *Building a Future for Wildlife*
- *The Darwin Technical Manual for Botanic Gardens*
  Chapter 8: Interpretation
- *Essentials of Conservation Biology*
  Chapter 14: Ex Situ Conservation Strategies
  Chapter 20: Conservation and Sustainable Development at the Local and National Levels
- *Global Strategy for Plant Conservation*
The AIC Guide to Digital Photography and Conservation Documentation

Use this resource to:

- learn about digital photography equipment, software, and processes.
- obtain step-by-step instructions and workflows for photographic documentation.
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- increase effectiveness of your digitization program.

The AIC Guide to Digital Photography and Conservation Documentation is a comprehensive guide to photographic equipment, software, and processing tailored to the needs of conservators, collections managers, and others responsible for creating and managing digital photographs. The Guide conveys recommendations for the use of digital photographic equipment and addresses concerns about long-term accessibility and preservation of electronic records. Related topics include software options, camera settings, image processing, file formats, file naming protocols, color management, creation of metadata, and storage options.

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How can I find information on how to care for specific types of collections? (User’s Guide p. 31)

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  Chapter 5: Storage of Electronic Records

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  Chapter 5: Storage of Electronic Records

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