

Preventive Conservation

There are a number of sources on preventive conservation. Below is a short list of useful volumes.

Bachman, K., editor 1992 *Conservation Concerns: A Guide for Collectors and Curators*. Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

- This book is an edited volume of articles specifically addressing conservation of different artifact classes. It also outlines considerations for appropriate storage facilities.

Hatchfield, Pamela B. 2002 *Pollutants in the Museum Environment: Practical Strategies for Problem Solving in Design, Exhibition, and Storage*. Archetype, London.

- This book presents issues related to conservation in the museum or repository environment. It is an advanced volume dedicated to an in-depth review of conservation and museum pollutants.

Rose, Carolyn L., C.A. Hawks, and H.H. Genoways, editors.

The volumes below are essential resources for preventive conservation and proper storage of natural history collections. They include more than 100 peer-reviewed articles written by 50+ authors.

1995 *Storage of Natural History Collections: A Preventive Conservation Approach*. Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, Iowa City. Rose, Carolyn L. and Amparo R. de Torres, editors.

2002 *Storage of Natural History Collections: Ideas and Practical Solutions*. 3rd ed. Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collection, Pittsburgh.

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Museums in Motion: An Introduction to the History and Function of Museums. AltaMira Press, 2008.

Ambrose, Thomas & Crispin Paine

Museum Basics, Third Edition. Routledge Press, 2012.

Borcier, Paul, Heather Dunn and The Nomenclature Task Force, editors

Nomenclature 4.0 for Museum Collections: Robert G. Chenhall's System for Classifying Cultural Objects, 4th Edition. American Association of State and Local History, 2015.

Buck, Rebecca A., and Jean Allman Gilmore, editors

Museum Registration Methods, 5th Edition. Washington, DC: AAM Press, American Association of Museums, 2010.

Benchmarks in Collections Care 2.0.: A Self-Assessment Checklist. Collections Trust, 2014.

Caring for Collections: Strategies for Conservation, Maintenance, and Documentation. AAM Press, 1984.

Catlin-Legutko, Cinnamon and Stacy Klinger, editors

Small Museums Toolkit (6-volume set). AltaMira Press, 2011.

Fahy, Ann, editor

Collections Management. London: Routledge Press, 1995.

Gardner, James B. and Elizabeth E. Merritt

The AAM Guide to Collections Planning. American Association of Museums, 2004.

Harrison, Margaret and Gordon McKenna

Documentation: A Practical Guide. Cambridge Press: Collections Trust, 2009.

Hillhouse, Susanna

Collections Management: A Practical Guide. Cambridge: Collections Trust, 2009.

Keene, Suzanne

Managing Conservation in Museums, 2nd Edition. Butterworth/Heinemann Press, 2002.

<http://www.acro.ro/pdf/biblioteca-virtuala/carti-articole/conservare/Managing%20Conservation%20in%20Museums.pdf>

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Kipp, Angela

Managing Previously Unmanaged Collections: A Practical Guide for Museums. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

Lord, Barry and Gail Dexter Lord

The Manual of Museum Planning. AltaMira Press, 2002.

Malaro, Marie C. and Ildiko P. DeAngelis *A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections*, 3rd Edition. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Books, 2012.

Merritt, Elizabeth E.

Covering Your Assets: Facilities and Risk Management in Museums. AAM Press, 2010.

National Task Force on Emergency Response. *The Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel.* Heritage Preservation, 1997.

Ogden, Sherelyn. *Caring for American Indian Objects: a Practical and Cultural Guide.* St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2004.

Perry, Kenneth D. *The Museum Forms Book.* Austin, Texas: Texas Association of Museums, 1990.

Powell, Brent

Collection Care: An Illustrated Handbook for the Care and Handling of Cultural Objects. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015.

Reibel, Daniel

Registration Methods for the Small Museum, 4th Edition. American Association of State and Local History, 2008.

Reilly, Julie

Are You Prepared?: A Guide to Emergency Planning. Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center and the Nebraska State Historical Society, 1997.

Simmons, John E.

Things Great and Small: Collections Management Policies. AAM Press, 2006.

Southeastern Registrars Association

Basic Condition Reporting: A Handbook, 4th Edition. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015.

Standard Practices Handbook for Museums, 3rd Edition. Alberta Museum Association.

Online Curation and Collections Management Resources

American Association of State and Local History: <http://search.aaslh.org/> and <http://www.aaslh.org/>

American Alliance of Museums: <http://www.aam-us.org/>

Association of Midwest Museums: <https://www.midwestmuseums.org/>

Collections Trust: <http://collectionstrust.org.uk/>

Connecting to Collections Care: <https://www.connectingtocollections.org/>

Department of the Interior Museum Program: <https://www.doi.gov/museum>

Heritage Health Index Report (2005): <https://www.ims.gov/publications/heritage-health-index-full-report>

International Council of Museums: <http://icom.museum/>

Midwest Archaeology Center, National Park Service:
http://www.nps.gov/mwac/reference_materials/curation_info/curation_info.htm

Museum Handbook, Volumes 1-III, National Park Service
<https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/handbook.html>

Small Museum Association: <http://www.smallmuseum.org/>

Wisconsin Federation of Museums: <http://wisconsinmuseums.org/index.html>

Note: Don't forget to search the regional and statewide museum and historical associations near you for many resources including jobs, internships, information on workshops, conferences, collections care, and a host of other references.

Online Conservation Resources

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

<http://www.conservation-us.org/>

A wonderful resource for learning more about conservation and finding a conservator.

Canadian Conservation Institute Library website:

<http://library-bibliotheque.cci-icc.gc.ca/en/cc-icc/lib-bib/search-recherche/>

This is a useful website for searching museum and conservation related topics.

Conservation Research Laboratory: <http://nautarch.tamu.edu/class/anth605/File18.htm>

This website offers a fairly complete bibliography of conservation articles and books for in-depth conservation treatments for several different types of materials.

Conservation On-line: <http://www.cool.conservation-us.org/> This website is a full-text library of conservation information, including materials typically found in libraries, archives, and museums.

Conserv-O-Gram: http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/cons_toc.html

This website provides all selection of Conserv-O-Gram which are succinct leaflets that focus on a single topic related to collections care.

Getty Institute, Resources: http://www.getty.edu/conservation/publications_resources/
Excellent place to locate numerous resources on conservation.

Journal of Conservation and Museum Studies: <http://www.jcms-journal.com/>

This website is made available by the Institute of Archaeology, University College London. It provides articles written about conservation and covers conservation topics across the globe.

Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections: <http://www.spnhc.org/>

This is an excellent website for conservation needs specifically geared toward natural history collections. It offers information about publications, annual meetings, and how to maintain natural history specimens and associated documents.

The Sustainable Heritage Network: <http://www.sustainableheritagenetwork.org/>

This is an organization that provides wonderful guidance on the care and management of a variety of materials relating to the discipline of archaeology (e.g., artifact, documents, film, photographs).

Archives and Records Management

Northeast Document Conservation Center: <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/overview>

Great free resources for preservation of cultural collections (both objects and associated records).

Smithsonian Institution Archives, Managing Archives Records:
<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/managing-active-records>

Great overview of managing records.

Smithsonian Institutions Archives, Resources:
<http://siarchives.si.edu/services/publications-resources#3>

Wonderful set of resources for preservation and conservation of archives.

Society of American Archivists, Standards and Best Practices for Archives:
<http://www2.archivists.org/standards>

Museum Archives Guidelines, Society of American Archivists
<http://www2.archivists.org/groups/museum-archives-section/museum-archives-guidelines>

Funding for Curation

Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation

<https://eca.state.gov/cultural-heritage-center/ambassadors-fund-cultural-preservation>

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Portal to Federal Grants)

<http://www.achp.gov/funding-cultural.html>

American Alliance of Museums (Excellent Portal for Finding Funding)

<http://www.aam-us.org/about-us/grants-awards-and-competitions/grants-calendar>

American Institute for Conservation (Excellent Portal for Finding Funding)

<http://www.conservation-us.org/grants/outside-funding-sources#.WKLIWjxOLYU>

Archaeological Institute of America

<https://www.archaeological.org/sitepreservation/outsidefunding> and
<https://www.archaeological.org/grants>

Historical Archaeology Funding Sources:

<http://www.digitalpresence.com/histarch/funding.html>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/>

Ohio Humanities Council: <http://www.ohiohumanities.org>

Parks Canada, Museum Assistance Program: <http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1456325095980>

Past Perfect Museum Software (Excellent Portal for Finding Funding):

<http://www.museumsoftware.com/grants.html>

Pennsylvania Historical and Museums Commission:

<http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx/>

Preservation Directory:

<http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>

Note: These are examples of funding opportunities and links. I realize that several portals listed here will have links to the same grants in some instances, but I took a more inclusive approach. Use them and apply to your situation/state. For example, search your state's humanities councils and commissions for funding.

Funding for Curation

Smithsonian Fellowships and Internships

http://www.si.edu/mci/english/professional_development/fellowships_internships.html and <https://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/>

Sustainable Heritage Network (grant writing tips and links to several funding opportunities):

<http://www.sustainableheritagenetwork.org/collection/funding-sources-and-grant-writing>

Texas Historical Commission (Excellent document overview of grant writing, and several grant sources):

http://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/preserve/museums/files/Grants_Feb_10_2017.pdf

Texas Historical Commission (Links to other funding, but also curation resources, and many other related topics): <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/museum-assistance/additional-resources>

Wisconsin Historical Society & Wisconsin Council for Local History Affiliate Mini-Grant Program for Collections Care:

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/localhist/2017-guidelines.pdf>

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