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Archives

Archival Basics: A Practical Manual for Working with Historical Collections

Arp, Charlie

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2019

An introduction to the concepts, policies, infrastructure and tasks needed to collect, preserve and make archival collections available to researchers.

Archives 101

Hamill, Lois

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2021

Step-by-step guidance for managing all facets of archival collections, from acquisition, arrangement, and description to storage and security. The book also offers advice on how to integrate description in PastPerfect software with archival finding aids to optimize the strengths of each.

Organizing Archival Records, 4th Edition

Carmichael, David E.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2018

Book equips non-professional archivists to tackle the challenging task of arranging and describing archival materials. It includes practical ways to arrange and describe digital records; simple tools you can use to manage and store your descriptions, how to share your descriptions with others; and more.

Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACCS)

Standards Committee of the Society of American Archivists

Society of American Archivists, Chicago, IL, 2019

Facilitates consistent, appropriate, and self-explanatory description of archival materials and creators of archival materials.

Care & Preservation

Assessing Preservation Needs, A Self-Survey Guide

Beth Patkus

Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, MA, 2003

Identifying preservation needs and development of systematic preservation programs for historical collections.

Museum Environment, The; 2nd ed.

Thomson, Garry

Butterworth-Heinemann Ltd., Oxford, England, 1986

Textbook for conservators, curators, and collections managers on the damaging effects on exhibits of light, humidity, and air pollution and what to do to minimize the damage. Information is divided into two parts, one devoted to conservation research.

Pollutants in the Museum Environment

Hatchfield, Pamela B.

Archetype Publications, London, England, 2002

Comprehensive resource on pollutants in museums. Includes information on sources of pollutants, damage caused, testing, mitigation, materials to use with collections, and protecting objects.

Preservation Management Handbook: A 21st-Century Guide for Libraries, Archives, and Museums, 2nd Edition, The

Harvey, Ross and Martha R. Mahard. Revised by Donia Conn

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2020

Presents the basic principles in preservation management with a twenty-first-century perspective, integrating traditional preservation with digital and providing preservation information on many of the materials typically found in archives.

Preservation Program Blueprint, The

Bruckner Higginbotham, Barbara & Judith W. Ward

American Library Association, Chicago, IL, 2001

Complete guide to developing a library preservation program. Emphasizes decentralizing preservation activities and integrating them into ongoing functions.

Preservation: Issues and Planning

Banks, Paul N. and Roberta Pilette, eds.

American Library Association, Chicago, IL, 2000

Collection of essays on topics related to the preservation of library/archival collections. Includes topics such as planning, funding, security, exhibitions, conservation, digitization, etc.

Preserve, Protect, and Defend: A Practical Guide to the Care of Collections

Appelbaum, Barbara

Barbara Appelbaum Books, New York, NY, 2018

Topics covered include: conservation assessments; practical advice uncovering collection safety issues; routine collection safety practices; preparing for the unexpected, including wind and water penetration, fire and smoke, and infestations; and controlling the museum environment.

Collections Management

AAM Guide to Collections Planning, The

Gardner, James B. & Elizabeth Merritt

American Association of Museums, Washington, DC, 2004

Guide to help museums create collections plans. Includes sections on developing an intellectual framework writing the plan, the planning process, and the challenges of museum politics. Includes excerpts from sample collections plans.

Collection Conundrums: Solving Collections Management Mysteries

Buck, Rebecca A. and Jean Allman Gilmore

American Association of Museums, Washington, DC, 2007

Provides guidelines for investigating the oddities found in every museum collection - objects without record, identification or sometimes even a location - and determining what to do.

Deaccession Reader, A

Weil, Stephen

American Association of Museums, Washington, DC, 1997

Proper procedure for collections deaccession

Exhibit Labels; An Interpretive Approach

Serrell, Beverly

AltaMira Press, Walnut Creek, CA, 1996

Guidelines for exhibit label planning, writing design, and production

How to Weed Your Attic: Getting Rid of Junk without Destroying History

Dow, Elizabeth H. and Lucinda P. Cockrell

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2018

Provides answers to the question: when someone dies or it's time to move --- or just clean out the attic, garage, or basement, what papers and other things should we save for the sake of history and what can we safely toss?

Inventorying Cultural Heritage Collections: A Guide for Museums and Historical Societies

Vanderwarf, Sandra and Romanowski, Bethany

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2022

This two-part text argues that regular inventories are central to meaningful, sustainable, and ethical collections preservation and access. Part I offers a flexible project management framework that illustrates strategies for reining in control of collections now. Part II features case studies that affirm the vital role of inventories in regaining control of collections.

Managing Previously Unmanaged Collections: A Practical Guide for Museums

Kipp, Angela

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2016

The book is a step-by-step guide how to approach this situation, assuming that there's nothing to start with but a collection that has to be accessioned and the person who is assigned to do it.

Museum Registration Methods, 6th Edition

Simmons, John E. and Toni M. Kiser, eds.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2020

Comprehensive guide to registration and collections management for museums, from acquisition to use and deaccessioning.

Registration Methods for the Small Museum, 5th Edition

Reibel, Daniel B., revised by Deborah Rose Van Horn

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2017

Registration procedures suitable for small museums, including policies, accessioning, documentation, and cataloging. The fifth edition updates the handbook to fit the registration systems in today's small museums and provides additional forms.

Rights and Reproductions: The Handbook for Cultural Institutions, 2nd Edition

Young, Anne M., ed.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2018

Comprehensive resource focused on the rights and reproductions guidelines, established standards and emerging best practices at cultural institutions.

Things Great and Small: Collections Management Policies, 2nd Edition

Simmons, John E.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2017

Comprehensive resource for preparing and implementing collections management policies. In the second edition, coverage of several key areas is greatly expanded or new. Featuring more than 40 tables and charts and nearly 20 model policy templates.

A Visual Dictionary of Decorative and Domestic Arts

Odegaard, Nancy and Gerry Wagner Crouse

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2023

Provides a common and unambiguous vocabulary for the parts of handcrafted decorative, domestic, and artistic items. Terminology for a broad array of object types is presented alongside original 3D illustrations that facilitate objective referencing. The reference enhances learning, labeling, and discussing various craft items in great physical detail. Sixty-four 3D graphic illustrations provide an effective visual format for identifying the vocabulary/location of the parts on individual objects.

Development/Fundraising

Volunteer Recruiting (and Membership Development) Book

Ellis, Susan

Energize Inc, Philadelphia, PA, 2002

Tips for effective member development and volunteer recruitment with updated internet suggestions.

Digital Projects/Digitization

Digital Archives Handbook: A Guide to Creation, Management, and Preservation, The

Purcell, Aaron D., ed.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2019

Provides archivists a roadmap to create and care for digital archives. Written by archival experts and practitioners, it brings together theoretical and practical approaches to creating, managing, and preserving digital archives.

Digital Curation Projects Made Easy: A Step-by-Step Guide for Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Cowick, Carmen

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2018

Outlines simple steps for accomplishing practical digitization and digital preservation projects for those with little experience, time, and/or resources.

Digital Preservation for Libraries, Archives, and Museums, 2nd Edition

Corrado, Edward M. and Heather Moulaison Sandy

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2017

The authors take digital preservation in the broadest sense of the term: looking at all aspects of curating and preserving digital content for long term access. Includes sections on situating digital preservation, management, technology, and digital content.

Digitization and Digital Archiving: A Practical Guide for Librarians, 2nd Edition

Leggett, Elizabeth R.

Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2020

This is a comprehensive guide to the process of digital storage and archiving. Assuming only basic computer knowledge, this guide walks the reader through everything he or she needs to know to start or maintain a digital archiving project.

Handbook for Digital Projects: A Management Tool for Preservation and Access
Sitts, Maxine Editor
Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, MA, 2000
Learn how to digitally capture photos for preservation and access

Education

Going Public: Community Program and Project Ideas for Historical Organizations
Robinson, Cynthia and Gretchen S. Sorin
Bay State Historical League, Waltham, MA, 1999
Guide to assist local historical societies and small museums better interact and engage with their communities. Includes sample ideas for youth programs, collaborative projects, mission-based fundraising, and more.

Great Tours! Thematic Tours and Guide Training for Historic Sites
Abramaoff Levy, Barbara, Mackenzie Lloyd, Sandra, Porter Schreiber, Susan
AltaMira Press, Walnut Creek, CA, 2001
Learn how to create tours that are interesting and educational for visitors and guides.

Interpretive Planning: The 5-M Model for Successful Projects
Brochu, Lisa
National Association for Interpretation, Fort Collins, CO, 2003
Guide to interpretive planning for museums and history organizations. Includes sections on definitions, the planning process, management, markets, message, mechanics, and media.

Learning on Display; Student-Created Museums that Build Understanding
D'Acquisto, Linda
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Alexandria, VA, 2006
incorporating academic content, and using the completed museum as a teaching tool

Museums & Community Toolkit, A
American Association of Museums, ed.
American Association of Museums, Washington, DC, 2002
Involving the Community, civic dialogue

Emergency Management

Field Guide to Emergency Response
Heritage Preservation and Heritage Emergency National Task Force
Heritage Preservation, Washington, DC, 2006
Field guide with information on response teams, supply lists, hazards & expected problems, etc. associated with disasters. Includes DVD resource

Exhibits

Exhibit Makeovers: A Do-It-Yourself Workbook or Small Museums, 2nd ed.
Parman, Alice; Ann Craig, Lyle Murphy, Liz White, and Lauren Willis
Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2017
Workbook for smaller organizations on guidance, ideas & examples for the exhibit planning process. Includes fillable forms, illustrations and more practical materials

Mount-making for Museum Objects
Barclay, Robert, Bergeron, Andre and Dignard, Caroloe
Canadian Conservation Institute, Ottawa, Canada, 1998
How to make proper mounts for exhibiting collections.

Museum Mannequins

Brunn, Margot and White, Joanne Editors

Quality Color Press, Edmonton, Canada, 2002

How to create effective and safe mannequins for collections display.

Text in the Exhibition Medium

Blais, Andre

La Societe Des useses Quebecois, Quebec City, Canada, 1995

Learning remains the primary reason for visiting museums, this book presents practical advise on effective educational presentation

Management/Boards

Creating and Implementing Your Strategic Plan, 2nd ed.

Bryson, John M. & Farnum K. Alston

Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, CA, 2005

Workbook which acts as a step-by-step guide to putting strategic planning to work in nonprofit organizations. Includes worksheets and instructions for creating a strategic plan tailored to your organization.

Handbook for Museum Trustees, A

Skramstad, Harold and Susan

American Associations of Museums, Washington, DC, 2003

Create "the Ideal Board for the Great Museum"

Strategic Planning for Public and Nonprofit Organizations, 3rd ed.

Bryson, John M.

Jossey-Bass, San Francisco, CA, 2004

Guide to strategic planning. Including guidance on implementing the planning process, how to create public value, using the strategy change cycle, and establishing organizational vision.

Strengthening Nonprofit Performance: A Funder's Guide to Capacity Building

Connolly, Paul and Lukas, Carol

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, 2002

Funders guide to maximizing funding activities.

Material Care & Conservation

Care and Identification of 19th-Century Photographic Prints

Reilly, James M.

Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, NY, 1986

Comprehensive reference book for 19th-century photographs, including sections on processes, materials, identification, preservation, and care.

Permanence and Care of Color Photographs: Traditional and Digital Color Prints, Color Negatives, Slides, and Motion Pictures

Wilhelm, Henry

Preservation Publishing Company, Grinnell, Iowa, 1993

How to care for all types of color photos

Preserving Digital Information

Hunter, Gregory S.

Neal-Schuman Publishers, New York, NY, 2000

How-to manual for preserving digital records. Includes chapters on preservation challenges, storage & handling best practices, digital imaging & preservation, and evaluating records for long-term preservation.

Your Vintage Keepsake: A CSA Guide to Costume Storage & Display
Ordonez, Margaret T.
Texas Tech University Press, Lubbock, TX, 2001
Guide from the Costume Society of America (CSA) on storage and display of costumes

Operations/Facilities

Building Museums: A Handbook for Small and Midsize Organizations
Herskovitz, Robert, Timothy Glines, and David Grabitske
Minnesota Historical Society Press, St. Paul, MN, 2012
This handbook outlines the processes and explains the complexities of renovating and building facilities.

Design for Accessibility; A Cultural Administrator's Handbook
The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies
The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Washington, DC, 2003
Discusses museum accessibility for the disabled

New Solutions for House Museums
Harris, Donna Ann
AltaMira Press, Latham, MD, 2007
Solutions for house museums that may have lack of sufficient funding and case studies.

Taking Care of Your Old Barn; Ten Tips for Preserving and Reusing Vermont's Historic
Agricultural Buildings
Vermont Division for Historic Preservations
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Montpelier, VT, 2001
Ten tips for preserving and reusing Vermont's historic agricultural buildings.

Outreach/Programming

Oral History Manual, 3rd Edition, The
Sommer, Barbara W. and Mary Kay Quinlan
Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD, 2018
designed to help anyone interested in doing oral history research to think like an oral historian.
Recognizing that oral history is a research methodology, the authors define oral history and then discuss
the methodology in the context of the oral history life cycle