

Conservation Resources List

The following resources have been selected for their usefulness to non-conservators charged with the care of collections. There are many, many more resources available on-line and in print.

Professional organizations

Canadian Association for the Conservation of Cultural Property
www.cac-accr.ca

Canadian Association of Professional Conservators
www.capc-acrp.ca

American Institute for Conservation
<http://www.conservation-us.org>

ICCROM (International Centre for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property)
<http://www.iccrom.org>

ICOM-CC (International Council of Museums – Committee for Conservation)
<http://www.icom-cc.org>

Conservation centers

Canadian Conservation Institute
www.cci-icc.gc.ca

- See in particular the CCI Notes, basic explanations and instructions for many aspects of collections care.
- See also, under Caring for Collections, the excellent chapters on agents of deterioration that include means of control as well as explanations of how they affect collections.

Conservation OnLine
<http://cool.conservation-us.org>

- A compendium of resources on a multitude of conservation topics including disaster planning, electronic materials and environment.

Getty Conservation Institute
<http://www.getty.edu/conservation/>

Centre de conservation du Quebec
<http://www.ccq.gouv.qc.ca>

Institute of Museum and Library Services – Connecting to Collections
http://www.ims.gov/collections/#.UUxOXb_nvrc

- See in particular the Guide to Online Resources

Museum Conservation Institute, Smithsonian Institution
<http://www.si.edu/mci/>

Heritage Preservation - National Institute for Conservation
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/index.html>

- Free online courses, disaster planning resources

National Parks Service – Museum Management Program

http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservoogram/cons_toc.html

- See in particular the Conserve O Grams and the Museum Handbook.

Northeast Document Conservation Centre

www.nedcc.org

- Invaluable on-line resources related to all aspects of archival and library preservation with direct applicability to museums and galleries

Northern States Conservation Centre

www.collectioncare.org

- Online courses in many aspects of collections care and museum work in general

Image Permanence Institute

www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org

- Everything you want to know about preservation of photographs, digital images, etc.
- Climate Notebook software that tells you the preservation outcome of your collection based on current conditions

Preventive conservation – general

Michalski, Stefan. "Care and Preservation of Collections" in *Running a Museum: A Practical Handbook*. Paris: ICOM. 2004

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001410/141067e.pdf>

Putt, Neal and Sarah Slade. *Teamwork for Preventive Conservation*. ICCROM. 2004

http://www.iccrom.org/pdf/ICCROM_01_Teamwork_en.pdf

Benchmarks in Collections Care 2.0

<http://www.collectionslink.org.uk/programmes/benchmarks-for-collections-care/410-benchmarks-in-collections-care-20>

- A spreadsheet-based survey tool to assess the level of collections care in your organization

SHARE Museum East Collections Management Resources (UK)

<http://www.sharemuseumeast.org.uk/training-resources-result.aspx?cat=Collections%20management&key=>

reCollections: Caring for Collections Across Australia. Collections Australia Network. 2005

http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info_item/3

Collection storage

UNESCO and ICCROM: tools for improving museum documentation systems and reorganizing collections storage

www.re-org.info

Museum buildings

Bordass, Bill. *Museum Collections in Industrial Buildings: A selection and adaptation guide*. Museums and Galleries Commission Conservation Unit. May Cassar (Ed.) 1996
http://www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/csh/attachments/MC_industrial_buildings.pdf

Health and safety

Arts Crafts Theatre Safety (A.C.T.S)
<http://www.artscraftstheatersafety.org>

- The one-stop-shop for all questions re. health and safety in museums

Pest management

MuseumPests.net
<http://www.museumpests.net>

- The one-stop-shop for all questions re. pest management in museums

Suppliers

Carr McLean
<http://www.carrmclean.ca>

Lines 'n Curves (formerly Archival Products.ca)
<http://www.linesandcurves.com>
- Carrying University Products Inc. and Preservation Equipment Ltd.

Brodart
<http://www.brodart.ca>

Woolfitt's Fine Art Supplies
<http://www.woolfitts.com>
- conservation quality paper and boards

Blogs, Facebook groups, DistLists, etc.

Ellen Carrlee Conservation (US)
<http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com>

Collections Care at The National Archives (UK)
<http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/category/collection-care/>

The Knole Conservation Team Blog (UK)
<http://knolenationaltrust.wordpress.com>

Collections Care and Conservation Alliance
<http://collectionsalliance.wordpress.com>

ConsDist List
<http://cool.conservation-us.org/byform/mailling-lists/cdl/>

- This is the page for the searchable ConsDist List archives. The ConsDist List itself is primarily used by conservators but the archives hold a lot of useful information for the non-conservator.