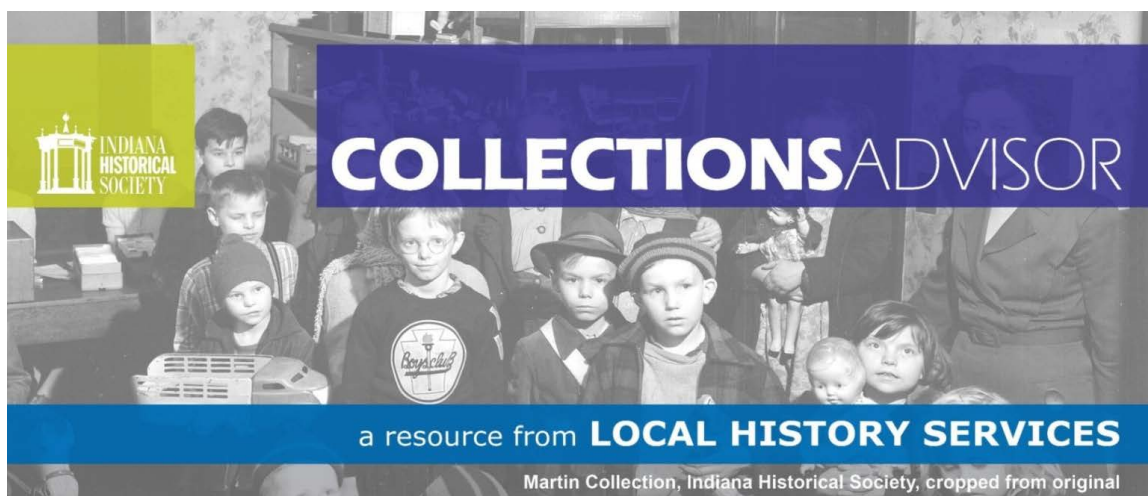


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Helpful Online Resources

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Over the course of a year in [Local History Services](#), we learn about many helpful online resources of interest to local history organizations. The following list is a selection of the online resources that we found to be particularly useful for collections stewardship and funding.

Toolkits:

- [Digital Preservation Toolkit](#) (Canadian Heritage Information Network)
 - Decision trees and templates for assessing digital preservation needs and tools to create a digital preservation plan.
- [Collections Advocacy Toolkit](#) (Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts)
 - Presents a collections care advocacy plan broken into eight steps with corresponding examples, talking points and supporting statements.
- [Museum Security Toolkit](#) (The Collections Trust)
 - Outlines four steps to secure museum collections against theft, fire and flood.

Copyright and Public Domain Resources:

- [Digital Copyright Slider](#)
 - Designed by the American Library Association's Office for Information Technology Policy, this is an easy-to-use way to learn more about copyright protection for any work with a known date of publication. Not intended to replace the advice of copyright specialists or legal professionals.
- [American Library Association Copyright Tools](#)
 - Compilation of online tools designed to take the mystery out of copyright questions, fair use and the public domain.



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- [Digital Public Library of America](#)
 - DPLA is a combined portal to digital cultural resources and a platform that allows new and innovative uses for digitized cultural heritage. Workshops and service hubs across the country provide training on copyright, rights statements and opportunities for organizational participation with DPLA.

Grants and Fundraising:

- [Fundraising for Collections Care](#) (Connecting to Collections Care)
 - A five-webinar series that explores strategies for collections care fundraising.
- [W.K. Kellogg Foundation Logic Model Development Guide](#)
 - Practical guidance on creating logic models for program planning and evaluation when making the case for funding. Resources include examples, templates, checklists and exercises that make the process clear and manageable for all.
- [The Grantsmanship Center](#)
 - Free database of funders by state, including top grant-making foundations, community foundations and corporate giving programs.

Collections Care:

- [Found in Collections: A Reference Guide for Reconciling Undocumented Objects in Historical Museums](#)
 - Step-by-step guide to working with undocumented collections, including a handy "decision map" that charts the process from discovery to reconciliation.
- [Museum Artifacts: Deciding What to Keep](#) (Ohio Local History Alliance)
 - When faced with tough decisions on when to accept or reject a donation, the "Deciding What to Keep" flowchart can assist the thought process.
- [Building Technology Heritage Library](#) (Association for Preservation Technology International)
 - Learning about original finishes, windows and construction methods can be a critical part of caring for the historic buildings and structures that are often the largest objects in a museum's collection. The APT has digitized thousands of trade catalogs that document building techniques from the early 19th century through the 1960s.
- [Preservation Self-Assessment Program](#) (University of Illinois)
 - PSAP is a free online collection preservation assessment tool that creates reports to guide the preservation of audio-visual media, paper, books and photographs. Resources include a format guide, glossary and bibliography of collections care and preservation books, articles and websites.



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