

SOURCES FOR COLLECTIONS CARE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, PART I

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Introduction

Many supplies, equipment and services needed for proper care of museum collections are not readily available in most communities. The Field Advisory Service has compiled the following list of sources for products, such as acid-free materials and storage cabinets, and sources for services, such as locating a conservator. This list is not comprehensive, nor does it constitute an endorsement of the suppliers listed. The Field Advisory Service recommends contacting several vendors so that cost and quality comparisons can be made.

General Collections Care Supplies

Supplies for collections storage include acid-free boxes, file folders, envelopes and tissue paper; enclosures for photographic print, slide and negative care; specialty papers and paper boards; numerous other products and equipment for collections storage and exhibition.

Conservation Materials, Ltd.

1165 Marietta Way
PO Box 2884
Sparks, NV 89431
702/331-0582
FAX 702/331-0588

Conservation Resources International

8000-H Forbes Place
Springfield, VA 22151
703/321-7730
FAX 703/321-0629

Gaylord Bros.

Box 4901
Syracuse, NY 13221-4901
800/448-6160
800/428-3631 help line
FAX 800/272-3412

Light Impressions

439 Monroe Ave.
PO Box 940
Rochester, NY 14603
800/828-6216
716/271-8960 tech. assistance
FAX 716/442-7318

Preservation Emporium

PO Box 226309, Dept. 91
Dallas, TX 75222-6309
214/331-8902

Preservation Products Unlimited

6929 Seward Ave.
PO Box 29109
Lincoln, NE 68529
402/467-2948
FAX 402/467-3780

TALAS

213 West 35th St.
New York, NY 10001-1996
212/736-7744
FAX 212/465-8722

University Products

517 Main St.
PO Box 101
Holyoke, MA 01041
800/628-1912
FAX 413/532-9281

Archival Supplies/Specialty Papers

Acid-free paper products for collections storage and exhibition such as boxes, file folders, envelopes and tissue paper; also specialty papers, mat board, rag board and other paper boards.

Andrews/Nelson/Whitehead Corp.

315 Hudson
New York, NY 10013
212/989-2700

Archivart

7 Caesar Place
PO Box 428
Moonachie, NJ 07074
201/804-8986

Hollinger Corporation

9401 Northeast Dr.
PO Box 8360
Fredricksburg, VA 22404
800/634-0491

Pohlig Bros.

2419 East Franklin St.
PO Box 8069
Richmond, VA 23223-0069
804/644-7824

Rising Paper Company

5357 Leake Ave.
New Orleans, LA
800/535-6886

Photograph Storage Supplies

Supplies include acid-free file folders, envelopes and storage boxes; also negative sleeves, albums and numerous other items. For clear album pages, sleeves and other storage enclosures, purchase items made of polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene or polyester (do not use "vinyl" products containing polyvinyl chloride).

Conservation Resources International**Franklin Distributors Corporation**

Box 320
Denville, NJ 07834
201/267-2710
FAX 201/663-1643
Saf-T-Stor slide storage files

Gaylord Bros.**Hollinger Corporation****Light Impressions****TaylorMade Company**

PO Box 406
Lima, PA 19037
215/459-3099
FAX 215/459-3867
Custom-made Mylar products

University Products**Encapsulation Materials**

Encapsulation is a technique whereby a document is enclosed between two sheets of clear polyester film, the edges of which are sealed with double-sided pressure-sensitive tape. This protects documents from physical wear and tear as well as from dirt and pollution. For a complete set of instructions contact the Oklahoma Field Advisory Service.

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Environmental Monitoring

Equipment to measure temperature and relative humidity (RH) levels within a museum facility. Includes hygrometers, RH indicator cards, battery-operated and sling psychrometers and recording and recording hygrothermographs.

ACR Systems
#300-8810 Business Park Dr.
Austin, TX 78759
800/451-7309

Dataloggers for recording temperature and RH. Equipment connects to a personal computer for processing and analysis.

Airguide Instrument Co.
2210 Wabansia
Chicago, IL 60647
312/486-3000
Hygrometers

Applied Science Laboratory
2216 Hull St.
Richmond, VA 23224
804/231-9386
Environmental monitoring equipment

Art Preservation Services
539 E. 81st St.
New York, NY 10028
212/794-9234
FAX 212/794-3045
Isuzu Model 3-3126 three month recording hygrothermograph; psychrometers and other equipment. Also environmental monitoring and control consultation services.

Beckman Instruments Inc.
2500 Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92634
800/742-2345
Environmental monitoring equipment

Cole-Parmer Instrument Co.
7425 North Oak Park Ave.
Chicago, IL 60648
312/647-3000
800/323-4340
Hygrothermographs and other instruments

Fisher Scientific Co.
PO Box 869022
Dallas, TX 75086
800/766-7000
FAX 800/926-1166
Dial-type and portable hygrometers; battery-operated and sling psychrometers.

Light Impressions
RH indicator cards, hygrometers, psychrometers and other equipment.

OMEGA Engineering Inc.
PO Box 4047
Stamford, Ct 06907-0047
800/622-2378 customer service
FAX 203/359-7811
White Box Model CT485RS 32 day recording hygrothermograph

Qualimetrics Inc.
PO Box 230
Princeton, NJ 08542
800/247-7234
Variety of equipment including hygrometers, hygrothermographs and battery-operated psychrometers.

University Products
RH indicator cards, hygrometers, psychrometers and other equipment.

VWR Scientific
Houston Regional Distribution Center
12835 Jess Pritle Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77478
713/240-4700
Dial-type and portable hygrometers; psychrometers and hygrothermographs.

Environmental Control
Equipment includes complete heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems (HVAC), portable humidifiers and dehumidifiers and other items.

Art Preservation Services
Arten silica gel products

Energy management companies
HVAC systems for proper climate control in museums and related facilities. Check the telephone directory under "Energy Management and Conservation" for local sources.

Garrison/Lull
Box 337
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550
609/259-8050
Consultation on museum environment

Local department/discount stores
Portable humidifiers and dehumidifiers

W.L. Gore and Associates
Museum Products
100 Airport Rd.
PO Box 1550
Elkton, MD 21921
301/392-4440
Gore-Tex silica gel tiles

Light Monitoring
Includes light meters for measuring light intensity and ultra-violet (UV) light meters, which measure the amount of UV rays in natural and artificial light; also blue wool cards which measure fading in textiles.

Art Preservation Services
Crawford UV light meters and regular light meters

Local electric supply companies
Light meters for measuring light intensity in exhibition and collections storage areas.

Qualimetrics, Inc.
Light meters and Crawford UV light meters

Scientific Sales
PO Box 6725
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
609/844-0055
FAX 609/844-0466
Light meters and UV light meters

TALAS
Blue wool cards (textile fade cards)

University Products
Blue wool cards (textile fade cards), light meters and UV light meters.

Lighting Control
Supplies include ultra-violet (UV) filtering sleeves for fluorescent lights, UV filtering acrylic sheets (such as Plexiglas), and light/UV filtering film and shades for windows and doors.

Art Preservation Services
Bausch and Lomb Optivex UV Filters (reduces UV rays from halogen lighting)

Light Impressions
UV filtering sleeves and UV filtering Plexiglas

Local plastics retailers/suppliers
UV filtering Plexiglas and other brands of acrylic sheets

Solar-Screen Co.
53-11 105th St.
Corona, NY 11368
718/592-8222
UV filtering sleeves, shades and window film

3M Corporation
800/362-3456
UV filtering window films and shades. Toll-free number can provide information on local 3M dealers. Check the telephone directory under "Glass Coating and Tinting" for other suppliers.

University Products
UV filtering sleeves, Plexiglas and film

Verilux Corporation
626 York St.
Vallejo, CA 94590
800/786-6850
FAX 707/554-8370
UV filtered fluorescent lights

VL Service Lighting
200 Franklin Square
Somerset, NJ 08873
201/563-3800
UV filtering materials

Part II of "Sources for Collections Care Supplies & Services" will cover storage furniture and equipment, locating a conservator, disaster preparedness/recovery supplies, and miscellaneous items. For further collections care information contact the Oklahoma Field Advisory Service, 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4997; 405/521-2491.