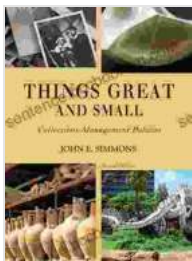


# Unveiling the Essential Guide to Museum Collections Management: American Alliance of Museums Policies

Collections are the heart of museums, safeguarding our cultural heritage and preserving it for future generations. To ensure their proper care and preservation, museums must establish comprehensive collections management policies that guide all aspects of their collection-related activities. The American Alliance of Museums (AAM) has developed a valuable resource to assist museums in this critical endeavor: *Collections Management Policies*.

## Scope of the Book

This comprehensive guidebook provides a framework for developing and implementing sound collections management policies that align with AAM's best practices and ethical principles. It covers a wide range of topics essential to effective collections management, including:



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- Mission and scope of the collection
- Acquisition and accessioning
- Documentation and cataloguing
- Storage and environment
- Preservation and conservation
- Ethics and professional standards
- Policies for lending, borrowing, and exhibiting
- Deaccessioning and disposal

## **Benefits of Implementing AAM Policies**

By adopting the policies outlined in *Collections Management Policies*, museums can:

- **Ensure the accountability of collections:** Establish clear guidelines for acquisition, preservation, and disposal, minimizing risks and ensuring the sustainability of collections.
- **Enhance transparency:** Promote open and transparent practices, building trust with the public and stakeholders.
- **Strengthen legal compliance:** Adhere to legal and ethical standards, mitigating potential liabilities and safeguarding the museum's reputation.

- **Improve decision-making:** Provide a structured framework for evaluating and making sound decisions regarding the management of collections.
- **Foster collaboration:** Create a common language and understanding among staff, fostering effective collaboration and knowledge sharing.

## **Expert Contributors and Practical Guidance**

*Collections Management Policies* is authored by leading museum professionals and scholars, drawing on their expertise and experience in collections management. The book is filled with practical guidance, case studies, and sample policies that museums can readily adapt to their specific needs.

## **Comprehensive Resource for Museums of All Sizes**

Whether you are a small museum or a large institution, *Collections Management Policies* is an indispensable resource. It is tailored to museums of all sizes and types, providing tailored recommendations for effective collections management practices.

## **Essential for Collections Management Professionals**

If you are involved in any aspect of collections management, from curators and registrars to conservators and educators, this book is essential reading. It will empower you with the knowledge and tools necessary to safeguard and manage your museum's collections effectively.

*Collections Management Policies* by the American Alliance of Museums is the definitive guide to developing and implementing comprehensive collections management policies. By embracing the principles and

practices outlined in this book, museums can ensure the preservation and accessibility of their invaluable collections for generations to come.

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Free Download your copy of *Collections Management Policies* now and take the first step toward enhancing the care and preservation of your museum's collection. Visit the AAM website for more information and to Free Download the book.



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