News

COVID-19 Information and Resources for Missouri Museums and Archives

Thank you to the wonderful Linda Endersby for putting together a list of information and resources! You can download the whole thing here: COVID-19 Information and Resources for Missouri Museums and Archives.docx.

There is also a special page on the MAMA website about COVID-19: https://mama.wildapricot.org/covid-19/

The Impact of Hand Sanitizers on Collection Materials

As with many heritage institutions, hand sanitizers solutions are provided in Library of Congress (LC) reading rooms and public areas. There has been interest into the impact or effect of any of these solutions, or whether it could be detected that transfer to collection items could occur. The Preservation Research and Testing Division (PRTD) screened two classes of sanitizers (alcohol-based and water-based) to assess their effect on paper based collection materials.

https://www.loc.gov/preservation/scientists/projects/sanitize.html

Employment

Archivist (Field) - Missouri State Archives

Field Archivists are located strategically throughout the state to ensure that local governments in each region have access to records management and preservation expertise that will help them perform their statutory responsibility to maintain and provide access.
to open public records (RSMo 610) resulting in comparable savings and benefits such as freeing of storage space, the disposal of records no longer possessing administrative, legal, fiscal, or historical significance, and the protection of valuable documents (RSMo 109).

https://sosmo.applicantpro.com/jobs/1365038.html

**Genealogy Manager - St. Louis Public Library**

The Genealogy Manager directs and provides reference assistance to customers, oversees obituary and microfilm copy requests, provides original content for the Genealogy Room blog, and manages a staff of four.

https://www.slpl.org/genealogy-manager/

**Exhibitions**

*All School Exhibition*

Closes April 26, Springfield Art Museum

Every March, in celebration of Youth Art Month, the Museum invites student artists from across our community, in Kindergarten through twelfth grade, to exhibit outstanding artwork in the All School Exhibition. This highly anticipated show has been a staple of our exhibition schedule since 1932, making it our longest running exhibition initiative, outdating even Watercolor USA.

Divided into three sections containing elementary, middle school, and high school, the exhibit brought over 14,800 patrons to the Museum in 2019 to view more than 400 works of local art from students in Springfield’s public, private, and parochial schools, as well as by local homeschool cooperatives. As the art teachers who work with these students know, art is a powerful educational tool. In addition to creativity and self-expression, the arts teach problem solving, critical thinking, innovation, and collaboration.

http://www.sgfmuseum.org/239/All-School-Exhibition

**Fellowships**

*2020 William E. Folley Research Fellowship*

The Missouri State Archives and the Friends of the Missouri State Archives are pleased to announce the 2020 William E.
Foley Research Fellowship. Intended to support the use of the state’s public records in scholarly research, the fellowship comes with $1,500 award intended to defray expenses incurred when visiting the Missouri State Archives and/or its St. Louis branch. Any research project utilizing the holdings of the Missouri State Archives to further knowledge of state or national history is eligible for funding.

http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/education/WEF

Internships

Missouri State Archives - PAID!

The Missouri State Archives is looking for interns interested in the following types of projects:

Visual Materials Project

Department of Conservation

Bill Nunn Photograph Collection

Adjutant General Processing Project

Processing documents, removing staples, foldering and creating a box/folder list and scope and content note.

Database, CD Migration, checking for online duplicate marriage records

Judicial database clean-up

Training in how to operate MF Digital's Ripstation

Instruction in how to work with CONTENTdm

Reference area

The intern working in Reference will experience all areas of reference service in an archival setting.

https://sosmo.applicantpro.com/jobs/1359337.html
Scholarships

AASLH Small Museum Scholarship

Deadline: June 21

The American Association for State and Local History will hold its Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, September 23-26, 2020. This year’s theme, What Kind of Ancestor Will You Be?, examines the personal, communal, and organizational journeys that lead to vibrancy, authenticity, social change and sustainability.

Now in its fifteenth year, AASLH's Small Museums Committee is offering scholarships to AASLH members who are full-time, part-time, paid, or volunteer employees of small museums. Each $700 scholarship will cover the cost of both the conference registration and the Small Museums luncheon. Any remaining funds may be used to offset travel and/or lodging expenses. Acceptance of the scholarship is contingent upon recipients submitting a post to the AASLH blog about their Annual Meeting experience.

To qualify, the applicant must work for a museum with a budget of $250,000 or less. They also must either be an individual AASLH member or work for an institutional member.

https://aaslh.submittable.com/submit/160190/2020-small-museums-scholarship

Survey

SMA Needs Assessment 2020

The Coalition for State Museum Associations (COSMA) is gathering information about the state museum association (SMA) community and we need your participation to have an accurate snapshot of the needs and successes of our organizations.

A survey of SMAs was conducted in 2015 as part of the Museums United Phase 2 project, funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This survey gathered baseline data about the scope, reach, and needs of state
museum associations throughout the United States. A report was published in January of 2016.

COSMA is conducting a follow up to that survey to update the data and further evaluate the needs of the SMA community.

For the 2020 NEEDS ASSESSMENT, we ask that each SMA complete one survey and that your responses reflect consensus among your stakeholders. We hope you will find these questions useful in helping your board and staff/volunteers reflect on your current practices, needs, interests, and goals for the future. It will be helpful to see how our SMAs have grown or changed in the last four years.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FZNF8B5

Virtual Tours

Here are some virtual tours that I think are pretty cool.

Street Art

Virtual tours, sometimes with audio commentary, of street art in cities around the world.

https://streetart.withgoogle.com/en/audio-tours

Virtual Dives

Go scuba diving from your couch!

https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/vr/

Van Gogh Museum

Because I'm a sucker for a good Van Gogh.

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en

Webinars

Salary Negotiation for Archivists

April 28, 2:00 pm

This webcast is designed to provide an overview of evidence-based findings on salary negotiation, and to introduce resources and strategies that can expand and improve the negotiation practice of attendees. Presenters will share best practices for salary negotiation, and review common scenarios and discuss frequently asked questions. Participants will have
the opportunity to share experiences and ask questions in a supportive environment. Through increased awareness of negotiation success rates, scope of negotiation topics, and variables impacting outcomes, we hope this information will grow participants’ confidence, skill, and comfort with negotiating compensation in archives, libraries, museums, and other relevant organizations.

https://www.pathlms.com/saa/webinars/7702

**Society of American Archivists Online Webinars/Webcasts/Classes**

Including such titles as:

- Citizen Journalists/Witnesses and AV Human Rights Archives
- Archival Advocacy at Home
- Cultural Diversity Competency
- Digital Access to Dispersed Records
- Team Management for Archivists
- Email Archiving
- Appraisal for Digital Records

https://www2.archivists.org/take-it-online-with-saa-education

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