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**Louisiana State Exhibit Museum Receives Conservation Bookshelf**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is proud to announce that the treasured objects and artifacts held by the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The information contained in the resource library will contribute to the professional development of the staff, thereby allowing them to preserve artifacts in the museum for the public to enjoy.

The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum will receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for the care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for public gardens and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness and culturally specific conservation issues. "We will make extensive use of the books in conservation of the Native American artifact collection," museum director Forrest Dunn said.

The Louisiana State Exhibit Museum is located at 3015 Greenwood Road between Hearne and Jewella Streets. Admission is free and tours are available by appointment. The building is wheelchair accessible. For more information about IMLS, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov). For more information about the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum, visit our Web site at [www.sos.louisiana.gov/lsem](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/lsem) or call 318.632.2020.

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