Processing Archives: A Conversational Introduction for the Non-Archivist

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Archives Materials, Oh No!



Essential Questions

 How do you receive a gift and document that transition? - Lori

- How should you assess the gift and make sure it will be preserved? - Adoree
- How do you make the collection available to your patrons? - Katy

1. How do you receive a gift and document that transition?

First questions:

- Does the gift fall within your collection development policy?
- Do you have a collection development policy?
- Does it matter?
- Collection and Donor files

Document the gift

Forms to Use:

- Donor Record form
- Deed of Gift form
- Donation Checklist

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1. How do you receive a gift and document that transition?

Acknowledge the gift

SAMPLE FORMS for Archival and Records Management Programs

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Helpful Book

2. How should you assess the gift and make sure it will be preserved?

Steps to take:

Evaluate its physical condition.

Maintain the original order!

Climate Control



You want to know if we have any information on your grandfather? What was his name?



No. we don't file information under "Grandfathers, Maternal."

3. How do you make the collection available to your patrons?

Steps to take:

- Make/keep a list of available collections
- Do NOT circulate unique material.
- Establish a set of rules patrons must use when accessing the collection.

If you are still overwhelmed, contact one of us! We will be happy to help you determine what your next steps should be!

- We are hoping to work together to create the following resources to help everyone with their archival processes.
 - Archives Registry
 - ARMS Website
 - ARMS/Archives Discussion List

