

GREATER HUDSON HERITAGE NETWORK

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Greater Hudson Heritage Network Awarded Connecting to Collections Statewide Implementation Grant from IMLS

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Award Amount: \$250,000

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The Greater Hudson Heritage Network, in partnership with the New York Council on the Arts, the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the Fenton Historical Society of Jamestown, the Historic House Trust of New York City, the Museum Association of New York, Museumwise, the Niagara County Historical Society, the NY 3Rs Association, the Onondaga Historical Association, and the Oyster Bay Historical Society, will address specific preservation training needs in connection with the collection types identified as "at risk" in New York's planning project: books and paper, photographic collections, digital materials, and historic objects. Training will be provided via a four-part [webinar](#) series, viewable independently or in groups to encourage informal discussion; web-based "how to" video tutorials providing instruction to organizational staff and to a more general audience who may have personal collections; a statewide, interactive cross-disciplinary knowledge portal that will serve as a clearinghouse for preservation best practices and as a landing page for disaster preparedness plans; and a circuit rider mentoring program serving each of nine regions through free site assessment visits for collections care. The project will reach approximately 5,000 cultural heritage institutions in New York.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) today announced eight Connecting to Collections Statewide Implementation [Grants](#) totaling \$1,775,638. IMLS received 14 [applications](#) requesting \$2,937,713."

These awards will allow for the implementation of plans developed with Connecting to Collections Planning Grants," said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. "Each project addresses at least one need identified by the Heritage Health Index: providing safe conditions for collections, developing emergency plans, assigning collections-care responsibility to staff, and increasing awareness of and support for collections care."

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through grant making, policy development, and research, we help communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning. To learn more about IMLS, please visit www.ims.gov.



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