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Preserving your stuff

Webinars offered May 11 and 13 at Presidential Library on preserving books and family records

SPRINGFIELD – Two free public webinars will be offered at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield during National Preservation Week that will offer tips on preserving and protecting books, family records and other precious items in the home. Both webinars will be accessible in the Presidential Library’s Multi-Purpose Room, and experts from the Presidential Library will be available to answer specific questions once each webinar is finished.

The first webinar is “Archival 101: Dealing with Suppliers of Archival Products” and will be held on Tuesday, May 11 from 1 to 2 p.m. Peter D. Verheyen, Head of Preservation and Conservation at Syracuse University, will demystify the archival product market for the layperson and non-preservation specialist. He will provide an overview of the conservation and preservation issues facing libraries, cultural organizations, and individuals, describe the terminology in use, discuss products, and offer buying tips on the different ways these techniques and products can be used.

The second webinar is “Mold Prevention and Remediation” and will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. It will be presented by Michele Brown, book conservator at Cornell University since 1995. This webinar will introduce attendees to the basic types of mold, and describe the environmental conditions that promote mold growth in home and library collections. Prevention as well as remediation will be covered. This webinar is geared to participants with little experience, but with lots of questions and concerns.

The week of May 9 - 15 has been designated as “Preservation Week” by the American Library Association and the Society of American Archivists. During that week libraries

nationwide are offering special programs and services to help connect library users with preservation tools; promote the importance of preservation; and strive to enhance knowledge of preservation issues among the general public.

For more information about programs at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, visit www.presidentlincoln.org.

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