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## **Ashcroft Announces Free Preservation Workshops**

**Jefferson City, Mo.** — Secretary of State John Ashcroft today announced the location and dates of seven workshops intended to outline preservation best practices for both the public and the state's records community. The free workshops, designed to provide guidance on preserving books, papers and photographs, will be held at the following venues:

- **Cape Girardeau area**, Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center, 2289 County Park Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
- **St. Louis area**, Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Spencer Road Branch of the St. Charles City-County Library District, 427 Spencer Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376
- **Kansas City area**, Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Rd., Independence, MO 64055
- **Hannibal area**, Wednesday, July 19, 2017, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, 120 N. Main St., Hannibal, MO 63401
- **Springfield area**, Thursday, July 27, 2017, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at The Library Center, 4653 S. Campbell Ave., Springfield, MO 65810
- **St. Joseph area**, Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Remington Nature Center, 1502 McArthur Dr., St. Joseph, MO 64505
- **Jefferson City area**, Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

All workshops are free of charge for attendees and will be five to six hours in duration, with a one-hour lunch break. Missouri State Archives Senior Conservator Lisa Fox will offer pragmatic guidance on how best to preserve book, paper and photographic records. She will discuss the proper storage of archival collections, how to assess "archival materials" vendors, appropriate methods for the use of archival materials, as well as reformatting options and administrative issues.

The workshops are made possible through a State Board Programming Grant awarded to the Records Services Division of Ashcroft's office and the Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB), on which he serves as chairman, by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

The Missouri State Archives works closely with the MHRAB, the central advisory board for projects relating to historic records that are developed and carried out within Missouri. The board appraises grant proposals submitted to the NHPRC by Missouri repositories and provides training opportunities, guidance on archival best practices and other cooperative strategies.

For further information on the workshops, or to register, contact the Missouri State Archives' liaison to the MHRAB, Brian Rogers, at (573) 526-1981 or [brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov](mailto:brian.rogers@sos.mo.gov).

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