

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Starting a Museum Selected Resources

The Museum Services Program suggests the following resources for any organization considering creating a new museum. Please direct any questions to Laura Casey at 512-463-6427 laura.casey@thc.state.tx.us

Readings

A Handbook for Museum Trustees. Harold and Susan Skramstad. American Association of Museums, 2003.

A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections, 2nd edition. Marie C. Malaro. Smithsonian Press, 1998.

Museum Administration: An Introduction. Hugh Genoways and Lynne Ireland. AltaMira Press, 2003.

Starting Right: A Basic Guide to Museum Planning, 2nd Edition. George, Gerald. AltaMira Press, 2004.

Thinking About Starting a Museum? A Discussion Guide and Workbook on Museums and Heritage Projects.
Alberta Association of Museums.
Available online free at www.museums.ab.ca/thinkingaboutstartingmuseum.aspx.

What Comes First: Your Guide to Building a Strong, Sustainable Museum or Historical Organization. Joan H. Baldwin. Museum Association of New York, 2010.

Professional Organizations

American Association of Museums: www.aam-us.org

Texas Association of Museums: www.texasmuseums.org

American Association for State and Local History: www.aaslh.org

Nonprofit Resources

Texas Nonprofit Management Assistance Network: www.txnetwork.org

Texas Secretary of State's site on nonprofit formation: www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/nonprofit_org.shtml