Exhibition Planning ABCs
Collections - Physical and Documentation portion

The References* to help care for collections in relation to putting on exhibitions and caring for your objects. (These are some of my faves, so don’t worry if yours isn’t here - would love to hear about it though - dlee@fairfieldhs.org)

Books:

Daniel B. Reibel
Registration Methods for the Small Museum, Fifth Edition (American Association for State and Local History)
Chapter 7 - Loans
https://amzn.to/2pYgyQ0

Rebecca Buck, Jean A. Gilmore
Museum Registration Methods, Fifth Edition
(Loans are addressed in several areas in this book - overall great resource. Get it if you don’t have it.)
https://amzn.to/2X0V54T

Kenneth D. Perry
The Museum Forms Book, 3rd edition
(This is hard to find, and on the old side, but a great place to start for examples of many different types of forms. Check your old bookshelves to see if you have an old one kicking around, as the current listed price of $500 is a bit much.)
https://amzn.to/2CtgY3l

Brent Powell
Collection Care: An Illustrated Handbook for the Care of Cultural Objects
(Great reference to the physical care of collections, including assessing items.)
https://amzn.to/36RwG6w

John Simmons
Things Great and Small, 2nd edition (American Alliance of Museums)
(Great collections management policies resource)
https://amzn.to/32uSocZ

Karen DePauw
The Care and Display of Historic Clothing (American Association for State and Local History)
(Great and easy to reference guide to historic costume. Also full disclosure, I worked with Karen, and she knows her stuff for costume exhibition.)
https://amzn.to/2O177qP
Non-books:
Conserve O Grams from the National Park Service. They cover tons of museum related topics in very short bursts, and are an invaluable resource.
https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conserveogram/cons_toc.html

A word about the General Facility Report (previous Standard Facilities Report), which we didn’t really get into. Most museums will require you provide a Facility Report with your loan request. They can be kind of intimidating, but there are lots of resources out there for you get help from your local to national groups.
Information here https://ww2.aam-us.org/ProductCatalog/Product?ID=891 on the current version.
However, information coming from the ARCS (Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists) 2019 Philly conference concurrent with the 2019 NEMA conference, a Deciphering Facility Reports session noted that a new simplified and more accessible version was created by a committee, and is the process of being approved by AAM. Not sure how long that process will take, keep an eye on AAM.

Other great collections-related references:
Angela Kipp
Managing Previously Unmanaged Collections: A Practical Guide for Museums
https://amzn.to/2Q47NOY

Online:
Of course https://nemanet.org/resources/ is a great place to start!

The Connecticut League of History Organizations has resource page here:
http://clho.org/Information-Library

And of course - www.Pinterest.com for some thinking outside the box and getting some great visuals and ideas for ways to be creative in your exhibitions!

*any Amazon links are purely for ease of seeing the publications, other booksellers are available.