“Boots on the Ground in Indiana”

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• **Awareness**
  ◦ “Endangered Heritage” traveling exhibit
  ◦ Collections care advocacy poster

• **Training**
  ◦ Site visits
  ◦ *Collections Advisor* monthly email
  ◦ Regional collections training conferences
  ◦ “Deteriora and the Agents of Destruction” online living graphic novel

• **Funding**
  ◦ Training incorporated into other project activities
  ◦ Archival supply kit

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**HHA Connecting to Collections Project Activities**
Site visits

- 100 visits (October 2011 – April 2013)
  - 10% of Indiana’s collecting institutions
- Training lasts a full day
- Tailored to meet the needs of each site
  - Hands-on training
  - Collections policies and planning
  - Funding information and training
- Each site receives a kit of archival supplies worth approximately $100
- Make initial contact and set visit dates
- Send pre-visit survey
- Use pre-visit survey information to create tentative site visit agenda
- Work with organization to revise agenda to fit organizational needs
- Plan flexible site visit activities
- Conduct site visit
- Write and send report
- Maintain contact
- Send post-visit survey six months after visit
- Evaluate frequently
Archival supply kit:

- Flip top box
- Small textile box
- Sheets of unbuffered tissue paper
- Archival folders
- Poly film folders
- Archival bond paper
- Document cleaning pad
- Small blower brush
- Large natural bristle brush
- Archival marking pen and pencil
- Twill tape
- White cotton gloves
- Nitrile gloves
Core value:
It’s not about what we can do, it’s about what Indiana’s collecting organizations need.
Keys to success

- Adaptability is a must
- The people you meet are your colleagues
- Site visits are all about the collecting organizations
- Meet them where they are
- Listen
- Tell compelling stories
- Stay in touch
• Allen County Public Library
• Association of Indiana Museums
• Carnegie Center for Art and History
• Center for History, South Bend
• Conner Prairie Interactive History Park
• Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University
• Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
• Evansville Museum
• Indiana Historical Society
• Indiana Landmarks
• Indianapolis Museum of Art
• Indiana State Museum
• Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
• Minnetrista