Preserving History: The Construction of the David and Fela Shapell Family Collections and Conservation Center

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2010

- Museum commissioned a feasibility study
  - Sized the current collection
  - Defined 25 year growth
  - Determined geographic location
  - Established 4 scenarios
- Reached out to Congress
- Involved the Museum’s Council
- Engaged donors
2011-2014

- Completed feasibility study
- Selected site
- Contracted architect
- Launched the Campaign
- Fundraised, fundraised, fundraised
- Designed the building
- Fundraised some more
Collections Management Suite
Collection Vaults – First Floor
Conservation Suite

Lab Cut-away View
Collection Vaults – Second Floor

Conservation Labs

AJL Proceedings 2016
Collections Move
Move Kick-Off

Phase 1 June 1-August 1, 2016:

- Within four weeks of contract award, contractor will coordinate a kick-off meeting with all key stakeholders
Pre-Move Activities

**Phase 2 August 1-December 31, 2016:**

- **Phase Initiation August 1-September 2, 2016**
  - Kick-off meeting
  - Security
  - Orientation and Training

- **Implementation September 3, 2016-December 31, 2016**
  - Inventory
  - Two teams
    - Oral History/Film
    - Objects
  - Merged team
    - Documents
  - Barcoding: EMu Managed Material
  - Barcoding: Non-Emu Managed Material
Move Activities

Phase 3 December 1, 2016-March 31, 2017:

• Packing December 1
• Photography January 3
• Moving January 3
Post-Move Activities

Phase 4 January 2017:-

• Unpack January 2017-
• Reconciliation January 2017-
Continuing Operations
Move Operations

August 4, 2016 – April 30, 2017:

- Collections operations based @ Museum
  - Acquisitions
  - Loans
  - Exhibition rotations
  - Cataloging
  - Reference
The NEW Normal Operations

May 1, 2016 and beyond:

• SCCC is dedicated
• Move Operations come to an end
• Regular operations resume

• Everyone takes a deep sigh of relief that the Center is completed and the collection is safely moved