Notes and Chat History, Swingate Public Library scenario

Notes

Thinking about the Swingate Public Library:
List as many risks to people from the collections as you see
- Mold - which can lead to respiratory problems
- Nitrate film
- Firearms
- Falling stacked items
- Dust mites and other insects
- Mouse and other animal droppings
- Stress of too many problems

List as many risks to the collections as you see
- Water and flooding
- Vinegar syndrome
- Pressure of stacked items
- Deterioration of collection items, including animals eating portions of the collection
- Acidic storage boxes

From your list, identify 1 thing in each area that is a particular concern
- Immediate health hazards
- Lack of security
- Problems with photos which could cause a donor to remove items from the collection, causing a risk to institutional reputation
- Deterioration of objects

Chat History
Jessica Bitely: Please identify as many risks *to people* that you see in the Swingate collections.
Cherry: respiratory problems
Joan Naturale: MICE
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Dee Gallo: Mold in the shoe box
Allison Young: Mouse droppings, the stuffed anima;
Joan Naturale: CHEMICALS
Geoffrey Reynolds (Hope College): nitrate film fire
Joan Naturale: FROM STUFFED WATER FOWL
Michelle Schabowski: Nitrate film
Amanda Strobel Wise | Rock County Historical Society: Presence of mold, and mousey evidence
Joan Naturale: FIREARMS
Katharine Rapkin: falling stacked items
Shawna Gandy: firearms and first aid kits
MonaLisa Whitaker: mold, mildew, vermin
Amanda Strobel Wise | Rock County Historical Society: Unstaffed income of objects may mean things that no one knows is even there
Sarah Oswald: stress
MonaLisa Whitaker: probably dust mites
Dee Gallo: Would people try things in the first aid kit?
Geoffrey Reynolds (Hope College): stress of too many things to fix
Allison Young: The negative reflection on the library, as well
Robin Grunwald: Microbials, VOC, allergens, ...
Dee Gallo: Spider!
Jessica Bitely: List as many risks to the collections as you see
Carol Creager: water/flooding
Dee Gallo: Risks to photos and textiles
MonaLisa Whitaker: deterioration of paper, negatives
Katharine Rapkin: album deterioration
Purdue University Archives: vinegar syndrome
Geoffrey Reynolds (Hope College): pressure from stacked items
Allison Young: Bad smell indicates something's not going well in that one box
Shawna Gandy: frass/pests
Amanda Strobel Wise | Rock County Historical Society: Animal contact with paper could mean that they have eaten parts of the collection, prior storage in acidic containers, mixing of objects that should be stored separately
University of Cincinnati - HSL: off-gasing
Cherry: loss to cultural content
Geoffrey Reynolds (Hope College): acidic storage boxes
Jessica Bitely: From your list, identify 1 thing in each area that is of particular concern & why
Katharine Rapkin: Immediate health hazards to people (patrons and workers) handling materials
Geoffrey Reynolds (Hope College): lack of security to the room and the contents
Dee Gallo: Problems with photos -- if the donor's relative is taking them back, things must be bad
Robin Grunwald: humidity
Amanda Strobel Wise | Rock County Historical Society: Loss of public trust to keep the objects donated
MonaLisa Whitaker: health to people handling the objects; deterioration of objects (may be lost)
Dee Gallo: WWII firearms could be valuable and don't seem to be under any security