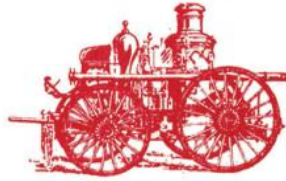


# *Newton Fire Museum*



## **News Release**

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### ***Newton Fire Museum* Receives Conservation Bookshelf**

*Newton* – Treasured objects and artifacts held by the Newton Fire Museum will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation's museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008.

The Newton Fire Museum's collection is comprised of unique items and materials ranging from fire helmets and badges to fire apparatus that arrived in Newton over one hundred and forty years ago. According to Museum Director Daniel Finkle, "The bookshelf will be a tremendous help to us in determining what materials and equipment we will need to properly care for and preserve our diverse collection for future generations."

"We are pleased to announce the first group of IMLS *Bookshelf* recipients. These small libraries and museums are taking up the charge to care for America's heritage," said Dr. Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. "A recent national study tells a sobering story about the state of America's library and museum collections. Without immediate action we stand to lose important collections that are at the heart of the American story."

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The Newton Fire Museum is among the first to receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

### **About the Newton Fire Museum**

The Newton Fire Museum is located in the historic Spring Street Firehouse, built in 1891. The museum's collection includes many types of fascinating firefighting equipment dating back to the days when horses were used to pull the fire apparatus. The museum is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operated by volunteers from the Newton Fire Department. For hours and directions, call (973) 383-0396 or visit [www.newtonfiremuseum.org](http://www.newtonfiremuseum.org).