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**LOCAL BRIEFS**

**Bookshelf program  
assists fire museum**

NEWTON — The historical collection of fire helmets, badges and 140-year-old fire equipment at the Newton Fire Museum will be better preserved following a donation from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The institute provided the local museum with its “Connecting to Collections Bookshelf” program, a set of conservation books, DVDs and online resources.

“The Bookshelf will be a tremendous help to us in determining what materials and equipment we need to properly care for and preserve our diverse collection for future generations,” said Newton Fire Museum Director Daniel Finkle.