



LDPAC Report Paragraph

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History Colorado, organized in 1879, is directed by two statutes that govern the care and management of its collection on behalf of the people of Colorado (24-80-202. Trustee for state; and, 24-80-210. Collections classed and catalogued). Documentary holdings number in the millions and many exist in formats that were produced using the technological devices of the time. Prime examples are sound recordings made/captured using wax cylinders, wire spools, open reel tapes, cassettes, etc. Another example is photography recorded as still or moving images (still prints and negatives, 35 mm slides, 16 mm film, VHS, DVD, etc. Staff is challenged to preserve and provide access to a core collection having a wide variety of formats produced by technologies that are now obsolete and in an environment where original recording and/or playback equipment no longer exists or is difficult to obtain in a cost effective manner.

The challenge is not limited to the past; it extends into the future. The present digital environment provides new tools and presents significant opportunities for building, maintaining and providing access to a collection for the next generations. Born-digital content is now offered for the collection; however, the threat of obsolescence is ever-present, and there are no prevailing statewide preservation standards in place to guide the institution in the care of the collection in service to the state.

24-80-202. Trustee for state—exchange duplicates—lending materials.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in part 1 of this article, the society shall be the trustee of the state and as such shall faithfully expend and apply all money received from the state to the uses and purposes directed by law, and shall hold its present and future collections and property for the state, and shall not sell, mortgage, transfer, or dispose of in any manner or remove from the Colorado state museum any article thereof, or part of the same, without authority of law.

Source: L. 15: p. 440, § 2. **C.L.** § 8226. **CSA:** C. 154, § 9. **CRS 53:** § 131-1-2. **C.R.S. 1963:** § 131-1-2. **L.71:** p. 1219, § 1. **L. 93:** Entire section amended, p. 12 § 1, effective July 1.

24-80-210. Collections classed and catalogued.

Collections of a scientific or historical nature shall be properly classed and catalogued and shall be at all reasonable hours open for public inspection and examination but under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or adopted by said society.

Source: L. 05: p. 356, § 2. **R.S. 08:** § 6117. **C.L.** § 8223. **CSA:** C. 154, § 6. **CRS 53:** § 131-1-10. **C.R.S. 1963:** § 131-1-10.