Over the past eighteen months, authors Louisa Jaggar and Don Williams, SCMRE’s Senior Furniture Conservator, created Saving Stuff, a sometimes humorous, easy-to-read practical guide for preserving the keepsakes and treasures of everyday life. The idea grew from a personal tragedy, as Louisa watched some of her most precious possessions literally dissolve before her eyes in a flooded basement. Their book, based on nearly four decades of SCMRE research and other SI generated scholarship, will be released on June 2 from Fireside/Simon & Schuster.

But that is just the beginning. They have also created a traveling program to take the message of preservation to the general public via a nationwide network of almost two dozen SI Affiliate museums. From late May through July they will be criss-crossing the country on a book tour.

Please join us for a presentation of this project, and discussion of how we can best take preservation to the general public.

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