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Petition to start a Public Library Archives/Special Collections Roundtable within the Society of American Archivists.

Our mission:
The Public Library Archives/Special Collections Roundtable serves to encourage advocacy for and education about archival, manuscript, local history, genealogy, and other historic and special collections within public libraries of all sizes.

The Roundtable provides an arena for discussion and dissemination of best practices of the archival, library, museum and history fields; and works to support the informational, historical, and cultural interests which converge in public library archives and special collections.

The benefit of this roundtable:
First, there are a great number of people who work with historic collections within public institutions, including libraries, who do not identify themselves as archivists. Because SAA roundtables are open to non-members, the group will be in a great position to inform those caretakers about the work of the Society, how it pertains to what they do, and the advantages of membership.

Also, there is a growing realization that caretakers of historical collections in public libraries face huge obstacles to implementing management programs for their collections. This is compounded by lack of staffing and funding for the archival programs. Sharing education and funding opportunities with these caretakers (i.e. preservation, security) would be a key benefit.

THANK YOU for supporting the establishment of this roundtable!

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Yes! I support the establishment of a Public Library Archives/Special Collections Roundtable within the Society of American Archivists.

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