

The following text is an excerpt from the American Association of Museums *Visitor Committee Report*, filed in 2003.

“The committee did note, however, that storage facilities of both the archival materials and objects were woefully in demand. Every shelf and nook and cranny was occupied by the collections of the institution. We were impressed with the ingenuity of the museum staff in constructing shelving that would fit every space available. It was obvious to us that the museum had outgrown its capacity to continue to accept additions to the collections unless appropriate storage space was located in the near future. This has forced the museum to be especially careful of its accessions and this is especially true in accepting any large objects.

An area of concern of the visiting committee was the arrangements of books from the museum library that were located in the same room as the kitchenette. Food and drink are present in the same context as the library collection. The visiting committee realized that there was a severe limit on the space and that there really was very little space available to relocate the books. The visiting committee was also certain, from what we have seen, that this shortfall has been recognized by the curators and is presently being addressed.”