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| Smithsonian Libraries: Ask a Conservator – Materials Matter |

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| |  | | --- | | From ancient books to audiovisual recordings, the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives’ conservators handle and preserve a wide variety of items, each made up of different materials. Ultimately, it is those materials that inform the conservators’ work and determine how they treat each object to maintain it for future generations. In other words, materials matter.  Join **Alison Reppert Gerber**, Preservation Coordinator,**Keala Richard**, Conservation Technician, and **Daniel Viltsek**, Book Conservator, to hear about the unique materials that they deal with, watch a book dissection and see how different materials and structures have worked well or haven’t, and learn about the challenge of preserving a variety of formats and materials in our collections. And as always, there will be plenty of time for your questions! | | |  | | --- | |  | |  | |

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