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Elgin County Archives Hosts Conservation Workshop

The Elgin County Archives hosted a basic archival conservation workshop sponsored by the Southwestern Ontario Chapter of the Archives Association of Ontario on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Instructors were Mary Gladwin and Liz Mayville from the County of Oxford Archives. 11 participants attended, and learned about a variety of subjects, including the history of papermaking, the different methods of cleaning paper, the proper removal of staples and paper fasteners, how to repair tears in documents, and how to encapsulate documents. The majority of the workshop was hands-on and participants had the opportunity to practice the techniques that they learned. Afterwards, Gina Coady, Archivist Assistant, gave a tour of the Elgin County Archives. Attendees were also able to view the newest exhibition at the Elgin County Museum.

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