This is a new acquisition. It consists of a 3-part artist book with two miniature books housed within a wooden box attached to a bamboo raft sculpture. Within the bamboo tubes, there is rolled Mark Twain literature inserted as part of the sculptural aesthetics, likely not intended to be removed and read. The artist book arrived to the lab in need of long-term housing and preventive insect pest management. Low temperature treatment was performed by freezing the object for two 72 hour rounds within a freezer at -42 degrees Fahrenheit. The object was wrapped with silica gel and plastic bags to protect from condensation during acclimation to room temperature. After low temperature treatment, dust and spider webs were vacuumed from the inside of the bamboo tubes to better monitor for future pest development. The raft was housed in a cloth covered banker’s box with custom extra parts. Because the raft is difficult to
lift, a cloth covered tray with ethafoam supports covered in Tyvek and cloth tape handles was constructed to assist with handling and display. Volara foam bumpers, meant to be removed from the raft during use and replaced during storage, were inserted to protect the raft from shifting during movement when removed from a shelf.
Before housing, stored in original shipping materials

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Before treatment, prior to freezing and cleaning there was evidence of pests and a thick layer of dirt in the raft tubes

Artist book with smaller volume and Artists' Statement

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i96547005_1647_D01N - Cloth covered enclosure

i96547005_1647_D02N - Cloth covered enclosure with supports for fragile wooded elements

i96547005_1647_D03N - Cloth covered enclosure with woven linen handles to ease in handling
Before treatment, evidence of pests and dust in raft tubes

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