## BECOME A COLLECTIONS VOLUNTEER AT THE COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM



"I enjoy interactions with smart people and I found smart, dedicated people at CHM. I greatly enjoy working with them and being part of this really firstrate group of folks. The Computer History Museum is an important part of my life."

DAVE BENNET COLLECTIONS VOLUNTEER, DOCENT AND DEMONSTRATOR

The Computer History Museum Collections Volunteer Team thrives in an intergenerational environment where the sharing of knowledge is the key to success. Collections volunteers play a significant role in the cataloging of hardware and ephemera artifacts. Our volunteers come from engineering, design, software and hardware development, mainframe maintenance and marketing backgrounds. Working behind-the-scenes at offsite storage, they aren't just surrounded by landmark technology—they're seeing the thousands of treasures that others only wonder about. Most importantly, they share their love of technology with Museum staff to identify, inventory and photograph artifacts for exhibits, programs, and the online searchable catalog.

Applications are being accepted now. Training in artifact handling and cataloging is provided in four 3-hour sessions to safely handle artifacts, master the database, and take useful photographs. Afterwards, flexible scheduling, additional training plus ongoing support are provided. Training is absolutely free! We ask that volunteers share their wealth of knowledge about computer history. In return, we promise to support each of them with dynamic mentorship. Cataloging is supported by a prestigious federal grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

## **COLLECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSES:**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH , 1pm—4pm THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 4pm—7pm Location: Museum's storage facility in Milpitas New cataloger training begins in November. Come to our Collections Volunteer Open House at the Museum's storage facility in Milpitas! Go behind-the-scenes and enjoy a Scavenger Hunt.

To RSVP and get directions contact Karen Kroslowitz, kkroslowitz@computerhistory.org

