

*History is our mission ...  
To illuminate and preserve.*

History Museum of Mobile  
111 South Royal Street

Phoenix Fire Museum  
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Historic Site at Fort Condé  
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## **HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLICATION VENTURE**

At its July meeting, The History Museum of Mobile Board of Directors voted unanimously to fund a new museum publications project, entitled Southern Market Press.

The new publication venture will produce books and exhibition catalogs that highlight the history of Mobile and south Alabama, as well as the History Museum's rich holdings. The books will be printed locally, in keeping with the museum's commitment to use local companies whenever possible.

The first two books will highlight unique exhibits that will be curated in-house at the History Museum: "Faces of Mobile," a new permanent portrait gallery opening in the museum's Hearin-Chandler Auditorium in late Spring 2014 and "Ark of India," an exhibit that explores artist Roderick MacKenzie's long sojourn in India more than 100 years ago, which will open in Fall 2014.

"We are so pleased with this vote and so appreciative that our current board shares our vision for the future of this museum," said David E. Alsobrook, director of the History Museum. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to at least partially fill the vacuum in the publishing of Mobile's rich history."

Patricia Edington, president of the History Museum's board, called the new program "timely."

"With the reopening of Fort Condé later this year and exciting new exhibits like the portrait gallery and MacKenzie, the History Museum is striding confidently forward," Edington said. "We are so proud of this museum and thrilled about this new publishing venture."

Scotty E. Kirkland, the museum's curator of history, said the new program is an extension of the museum's mission to "illuminate and preserve the region's rich history."

"All of us at the History Museum take our mission quite seriously," Kirkland said. "We strive to tell diverse and engaging stories about the region's history. Publications are just another way of telling these uniquely-Mobile stories. It's an exciting time and we have a lot of work ahead of us."

Alsobrook said he and his staff look forward to this "labor of love" with great anticipation.

"We feel like this is what we ought to be doing," he said.

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**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE:** Located in the Old City Hall/ Southern Market at 111 South Royal Street in downtown Mobile, the History Museum of Mobile documents the 300-year history of Mobile and the surrounding region. The History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Admission to the museum is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. For more information, call (251) 208-7508.

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