

Hello small museum friends!

Here is a list of some of the books and articles that I've read while researching small museum standards, accreditation, and how to tell good stories about small museums like ours.

Enjoy!  
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### Doria Hughes' SMA 2024 reading list

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"Tiny museums with a massive vision", by Kylie Ahern April 27, 2023  
<https://thebrilliant.com/case-studies/micro-museums/>

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