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State Library’s Rare Treasures to be featured on KVIE’s show “Rob on the Road”
Show airs on Monday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTO – Rare historical documents in the State Library’s collection will be the subject of Sacramento public television station KVIE’s show “Rob on the Road.” The episode will air on July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be several of the library’s most treasured artifacts, including John Marshall’s hand-drawn map showing where gold was first discovered, and John James Audubon’s magnificent folio, published in 1827, “The Birds of America,” with life-size, hand-colored aquatint plates of 1,063 species of birds.

The show’s host, Rob Stewart, and production crew spent two days taping in the library’s “vault,” a temperature-controlled room that contains the most valuable documents, seldom seen by the public. Viewers will be treated to a special tour of the library’s rare books and artifacts, with commentary by Gary Kurutz, Special Collections Librarian Emeritus for the State Library, whose entertaining stories brings California’s unique history to life.

After airing on KVIE, the episode will be available for national distribution by the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA), which has 95 member stations in 42 states.

About the State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library is the central reference and research library for the Governor’s office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in historical preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, and broadband connectivity in public libraries. For more information, visit www.library.ca.gov.

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