



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contacts: Deborah Lynch (916) 651-6452
Kim Brown (916) 651-6466

UPDATE: August 2, 2012

State Library's Audubon Collection to be featured on KVIE's show "Rob on the Road"

Show airs on Monday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m. (airdate change)

SACRAMENTO –John James Audubon's elephant folio "The Birds of America" will be just one of the Audubon books featured on Sacramento public television station KVIE's show "Rob on the Road." Audubon's magnificent folio, published in 1827, features life-size, hand-colored aquatint plates of 1,063 species of birds. The episode will air on August 20 at 7:30 p.m. and is the second program featuring the hidden treasures of the California State Library.

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. In the second episode viewers will be treated to a special tour of the library's rare Audubon collection, with commentary by Gary Kurutz, Special Collections Librarian Emeritus for the State Library, whose entertaining stories brings California's unique history to life. The first episode, which aired on July 23, can be viewed on KVIE's website at <http://vids.kvie.org/video/2258903673>.



Rob Stewart of "Rob on the Road," in the Rare Materials Reading Room opening "The Birds of America" elephant folio by Audubon.

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.