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The purpose of the Preservation Fund is to save the most important films in the Museum's world famous Library by transferring them from the old perishable nitrate stock on which they were originally printed and which seldom lasts more than 40 years to the new durable triacetate stock which will last at least 400 years.

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