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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Ankner, Section President

Thank you to everyone who attended our summer meeting at the Ridgewood Public Library. And thank you to Local History Librarian Sarah Kiefer for her tour of the library's Bolger Heritage Center.

We have a busy autumn ahead of us.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our fall meeting. We will meet on **Wednesday, October 11**, at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. County Archivist Gary Saretzky has graciously arranged for us to use a room at the library during Archives Week. Our meeting will take place at 11:45 am, between the 10 am and 1 pm lectures (see [page 2](#) for program).

On **Thursday, November 15**, the History & Preservation section will have a hands-on genealogy workshop at the Plainfield Public Library. The session will be conducted in Plainfield's computer lab at 10:00 am by Genealogy Librarian Jane Thoner.

We are also planning a joint event with the New Jersey Caucus of MARAC, possibly to take place in early December. More details should be available on October 11.

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ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY AT MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

Submitted by Gary Saretzky, County Archivist

Registration is available for Archives and History Day on **Saturday, October 14**, at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. This annual event, which began in 1996, regularly draws about 300 history enthusiasts. More than 60 local and state

history organizations will set-up displays on topics relating to New Jersey history and their organizations. No registration or fee is required to attend. **The program schedule is as follows:**

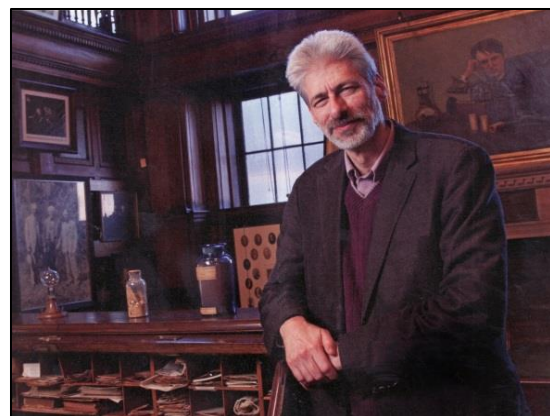
Time	Event
8:45-9:45	Morning Refreshments
9:00-5:00	Exhibit, Library Gallery and Lobby: <i>Inventors and Innovators in Monmouth County</i>
9:00-5:00	New Jersey History Room: Local and State History Reference Books
9:00-3:00	Exhibit Tables: Archives and History Organizations <i>Tables open except where noted (*)</i>
9:55-10:10*	Greetings from Monmouth County Clerk, Christine Giordano Hanlon Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance Greetings from Renee B. Swartz, Monmouth County Library Commission
11:00 – Noon*	Plenary Session Awards Presentations presented by Monmouth County Clerk
12:00	Lunch: Delivered to participants (pre-ordered)
12:10-12:55	History Forum: <i>Discussion of Inventors and Innovators in New Jersey</i> Room 8 Conducted by Monmouth County Historian Randall Gabrielan. Panelists: Ed Eckert, Nokia Bell Labs; Paul Israel, Keynote Speaker; and Melissa Ziobro, Monmouth University <i>(Attendees may bring lunch to the Forum)</i>
1:00-2:00*	<u>Featured Speaker: Paul Israel</u>, Research Professor. Director and General Editor, Thomas Edison Papers, Rutgers University-New Brunswick. <i>New Jersey: A State of Innovation</i>
2:00-2:15	New Jersey History Game Prize Drawings
2:15-2:45	Tour of the Monmouth County Archives (registration required)
3:00	Exhibit tables close

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. PAUL ISRAEL - “NEW JERSEY: A STATE OF INNOVATION”

“Dr. Israel is a perfect speaker to complement this year’s theme and exhibit, ‘New Jersey in Focus: Inventors and Innovators in Monmouth County,’” said Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon. “I am sure he will give an interesting and memorable presentation, just like our past Archives and History Day keynote speakers.”

Dr. Israel will discuss the history of technological innovation in New Jersey. He will begin by detailing how New Jersey became a center for technological innovation in the nineteenth century with the development of new transportation and manufacturing technologies. His talk will then focus on how New Jersey became a leader in telecommunications and electrical innovation long before the emergence of Silicon Valley. In particular he will highlight four important institutions—Speedwell Village, Edison’s Laboratories, Bell Labs, and RCA Labs. Dr. Israel will conclude his talk with a brief discussion of present-day technological innovation in the state.

In addition to publishing Edison’s papers and biographies about him, Dr. Israel teaches the history of technology at Rutgers and has written numerous other articles and books, including *From Machine Shop to Industrial Laboratory: Telegraphy and the Changing Context of American Invention, 1830-1920* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992). In these works, he has been examining technological creativity, the origins of modern innovation, technological enterprise, patent regimes, and the intersections between science, technology, and business.



*Dr. Paul Israel, Director And General Editor Of The
Thomas Edison Papers*

OTHER ARCHIVES WEEK HISTORY PROGRAMS AT THE MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY OCTOBER 10-19, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2 pm: Movie (invention-related): *Back to the Future* (1985, PG, 1 hour 56 minutes)

Wednesday, October 11, 10 - 11:30 am: Lecture: George Joynson, Reference Specialist, Monmouth County Archives, “From Convicts to Colonels: Monmouth County Inventors.” Introduction by Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archivist.

Wednesday, October 11, 1 - 2:30 pm: Lecture: Edward Eckert, Nokia Bell Labs Corporate Archivist and Sr. Manager of IIS Intellectual Property Services. “Nokia Bell Labs: Nine Decades of Inventing the Future.” Introduction by Randall Gabrielan, Monmouth County Historian.

Wednesday, October 11, 3 - 5 pm: Lecture: Paul Zigo, WWII Studies Institute. “Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942.” Program under the auspices of the Monmouth County Library.

Thursday, October 19, 7 - 8:30 pm: Lecture: Richard Frenkiel, Senior Advisor, WINLAB, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers University. “Wires and Waves: How We All Got Connected. A Brief History of Modern Communications.” Introduction by Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archivist.

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS TRI-COUNTY HISTORY FAIR FOR MIDDLESEX, SOMERSET, AND UNION COUNTIES

Submitted by Sarah Hull, Head of Local History, Genealogy and Special Collections

On Saturday, September 30th from 11 am to 3 pm, over 20 local history organizations, museums, and libraries promoted their historical collections around the fountain in the Plainfield Public Library.

This year's program included morning speaker, **Dr. Maxine Lurie**, Author and History Professor at Seton Hall University. Dr. Lurie presented, "**Tri-County Images from *Envisioning New Jersey: An Illustrated History of the Garden State***" (her most recent publication, co-authored with Richard Veit).



Dr. Maxine Lurie presenting "Tri-County Images from Envisioning New Jersey: An Illustrated History of the Garden State."

The afternoon speaker was **Eugene Armstead**, New Jersey Chapter President of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society. Mr. Armstead presented, "**Pushing Through: Dealing with Road Blocks and Family Lore.**"

Between lectures, appraisers from Winterhill Antiques of Scotch Plains provided free antiques appraisals to fair visitors.

We drew door prizes throughout the day. Prizes included a wide array of wonderful treasures donated by the exhibiting organizations, and one grand prize of an AncestryDNA testing kit! Tickets

for the drawings were free to all fair visitors and tablers.

On display in the Anne Louise Davis Gallery room was ***Plainfield City Wildlife*** by local photographer Carl Monopoli. The exhibit offers 36 full-color, photographs taken by Monopoli, who is documenting the incredible wildlife of Plainfield. From the thriving fox population to frogs, birds, and bugs – Monopoli catches them all in this stunning exhibit – on display through October 2017.

Table exhibitors included the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society-NJ Chapter, Elizabeth Public Library Local History & Special Collections, Genealogical Society of New Jersey, Genealogical Society of the West Fields, Green Brook Historical Society, Historical Society of Plainfield/Drake House Museum, League of Historical Societies, Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, Miller-Cory House Museum, Morristown/Morris Township Library, New Brunswick Free Public Library, Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission, Plainfield Symphony Society, Proprietary House, Somerset County



Table exhibitors and visitors at the Tri-County History Fair

Historical Society, Somerset County Library System, South Plainfield Historical Society, The Dutchess Bookstore, Union Township Historical Society/Caldwell Parsonage, and Van Wyck Brooks Historic District.

The Local History Department is supported by funding from the Friends of Plainfield Public Library; the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State; The Plainfield Foundation; and the Plainfield Cultural & Heritage Commission.

“PRINCESS WHITE DEER: A WOMEN, A MOHAWK AND A LEGEND” EXHIBIT AT VAN KIRK HOMESTEAD

Submitted by Nancy Madasci



“Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend” continues its showing at the Sparta Historical Society’s Van Kirk Homestead Museum on Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 1 – 4 pm with a talk at 2 pm. Esther Deer, known as Princess White Deer, was the grand-daughter of a hereditary chief and a most successful and talented Mohawk entertainer. With a career that spans from Wild West Shows to the Russian stage to Vaudeville, Ziegfeld, and to the footpaths of Broadway, Esther Deer was a remarkable and fascinating modern career woman for any century.

In addition to many never before seen original professional photographs from Princess White Deer’s personal collection, loaned by her niece Sylvia Goodleaf Trudeau, and guest curator Patricia Galperin’s personal collection, there will be additional memorabilia such as playbills, ship manifests, and travel documents; and personal objects ranging from toiletries to performance blankets used by both Princess White Deer and her father, Chief James Deer.

Wonderful examples of Mohawk bead work, that were made by family, and Mohawk baskets will be on display. Mohawk history and the role the Deer family played, as well as their activism for Native and American causes will also be featured. The Sparta Historical Society is located at The Van Kirk Homestead Museum at 336 Main Street (Rte. 517, use Middle School Driveway), Sparta. The Fall Exhibition on **“Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend”** and will be open Sunday, October 8, October 22, November 12, Sunday, November 26 and last day on Sunday, December 10th from 1 - 4 pm with 2 pm talk. Further details or group reservations, call 973-726-0883 or Email: spartahistoricalsocnj@gmail.com. *Technology Funding has been made available in part by the NJ Historical Commission through the County History Partnership Program, as administered by the Sussex County Arts & Heritage Council.*

HAPPENINGS AT THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Tom Ankner, Librarian, Charles F. Cummings NJ Information Center

We have an active autumn planned at The Newark Public Library.

Our Latino Heritage Celebration opened in early September with an exhibit, ***Boricuas in the Garden: The Story of Puerto Ricans in New Jersey***. The exhibit traces the history of Puerto Ricans in the Garden State with archival materials, historic photographs, and documents about individuals and the community organizations they established, many drawn from the Library's holdings in the Puerto Rican Community Archives, part of the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center. It also features a selection of extraordinary works from the Library's Puerto Rican Fine Prints Collection. This exhibit will remain on the Library's 2nd floor gallery until the end of the year.

In our first floor gallery is another exhibit, ***We Are Still Here: Taino Survival and Identity***, co-sponsored by the Newark Public Library and the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Newark. Through contemporary art that refers to historic artifacts, traditional ceremonies, and current issues of politics and culture, the exhibit celebrates the survival of the Taínos, the indigenous people of the Caribbean, and their culture in the Caribbean and U.S. diaspora. ***We Are Still Here*** will remain up through the end of October.

We also have a series of programs tied to the Latino Heritage Celebration. A [comic book talk and signing](#) with artist **Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez** is scheduled for October 14. The award-winning documentary ***The Borinqueneers*** will be screened October 28. A [public forum](#) focusing on Puerto Rico's crisis and political future is scheduled for November 4. And ***Eating Puerto Rico***, a cooking

demonstration and tasting, will take place November 18.

The exhibit ***Over Here: Newark in World War I, 1917-1918***, will remain in our 3rd floor gallery until March 2018. This exhibit commemorates Newark's important contributions to the conflict. See historic photographs, sheet music, pamphlets, posters, and other materials, from the Collections of the Newark Public Library.

Our annual **Philip Roth Lecture** took place September 28. This year's speaker was **Robert Caro**, author of celebrated biographies of Lyndon Johnson and Robert Moses. The Philip Roth Lecture is named for Roth, a Pulitzer-prize winning novelist who grew up in Newark.

The Library is continuing to digitize materials under the \$1 million Carnegie Corporation grant it received last year. We began the second year of the 2-year grant in August. We have been digitizing photographs, maps, newspapers, personal papers, government documents, and fine art. Our digitized collections can be viewed at digital.npl.org.

This summer, we launched ***The Library Music Sessions***, a series of Friday night dance parties in our courtyard. The free events have proved enormously popular, attracting as many as 400 people. Our Halloween dance party, scheduled for Friday, October 27, will be a fundraiser to offset costs for the events. Admission has tentatively been set at \$20 to \$25 for the Halloween party.

Our annual benefit gala, ***Booked for the Evening***, is scheduled for Thursday, November 30. It will be held at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, and will include an awards ceremony and after-party.

EISNER MEMORIAL RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATION FOR ONGOING DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Submitted by Barbara Pickell, Librarian, Red Bank Public Library

The Eisner Memorial Red Bank Public Library received a check from the Investor's Bank for \$1,500 to help with the ongoing digitization project. The library has been working to make a variety of material, including Red Bank Regional High School yearbooks, available online. This year, the project will add yearbooks from Red Bank Catholic High School, with plans to expand the number of local schools in the future. The truly exciting project for this year, covered by the grant, will be digitizing the *Echo* and the *Mail & Express*, historic African American-owned newspapers covering the Red Bank area from 1904-1937. The library believes this material is not accessible except on microfilm in the building at this time, so it will be a unique contribution to local history.



Left to Right: Barbara Pickell, Librarian, Christopher Curcia, AVP, Investors Bank in Red Bank, Elizabeth McDermott, Library Director, and Claire Tyluki McIntosh, who loaned the library her yearbooks for digitization.

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ADOPTS READER-FRIENDLY LABELING STANDARDS

Submitted by Sara Weissman

While mounting its latest exhibit, ***Cutting Edge: 100 Years of Medicine in Morris County***, the Morris County Historical Society revised its label typography, for improved legibility. The new layout of Baskerville 20 or 22 point; 1.15 paragraph spacing; left alignment (ragged right margin); small caps headers brings labels closer to ADA standards and makes them more readable across greater distances in exhibit areas.

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ABOUT LABELS

Test your labels on 20, 40 and 65-yr old eyes. Also leave a walk-away break after the short first paragraph.

The disinterested should be able to move on after the basics of why the item/object is in the display. Not all want to read everything. <https://www.si.edu/Accessibility/SGAED>

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY MAP RESTORATION PROJECT

Submitted by Tom Ankner, Librarian, and Written by Myles Zhang, Archival Assistant,
Charles F. Cummings NJ Information Center

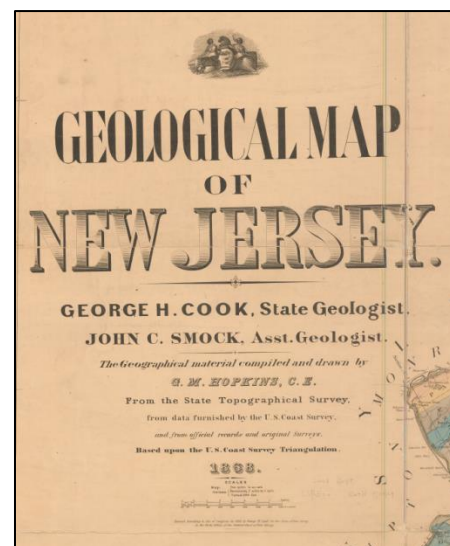
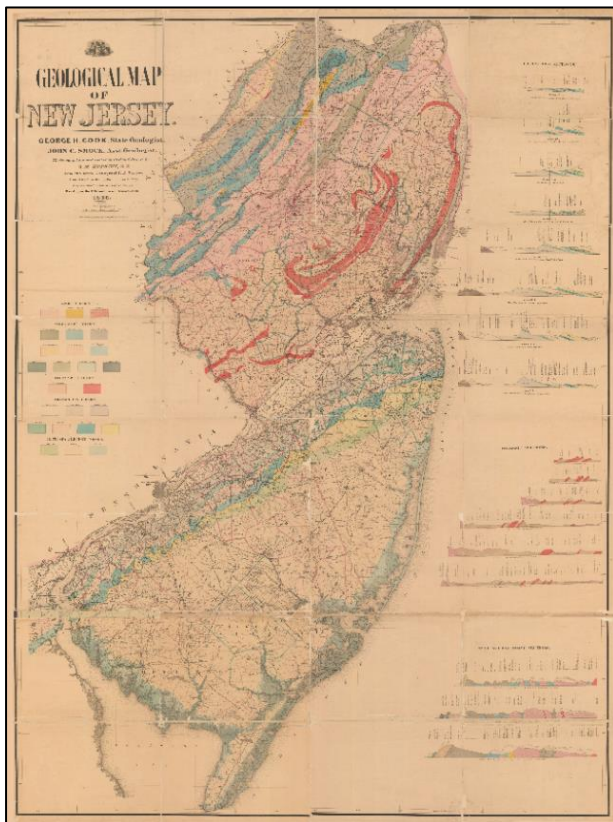
The Newark Public Library has an extensive collection of historic maps covering the state's and Newark's history from the early 1800s to present-day. Among this collection are property-line maps, topographic maps, flood insurance maps, urban renewal maps, and extensive fire insurance maps for all of Newark and much of the state.

The recent \$1 million dollar Carnegie Grant will fund the preservation and digitization of archives relating to Newark and its African-American and Latino history. However, this grant does not cover all aspects of the Newark Public Library's important work of preservation and education. One recent discovery of the 1868 topographical map of New Jersey, for instance, required extensive restoration,

but the library lacked the funds to "properly" restore this item.

This map, measuring an incredible 6 by 8 foot is one of the oldest maps in our collection and one of the earliest and largest thorough topographical maps of the state. [According to the Firestone Library](#) at Princeton, this map was originally part of a 900-page report on the state's geography.

Only ten copies of this map were produced. One copy was given to the state agricultural society and the remaining nine to each county clerk's office "for the benefit of the people."



Detail view of map title.

This map has a remarkable degree of detail. With a scale of one inch to two miles, the map depicts every street, railroad line, and (for some villages) every building in the state. The soil-formations for the state are also drawn in detail; the predominant

rock in each part of the state (limestone, shale, sand, etc.) is color coded in 25 distinct colors. The locations of mines and iron ore deposits (mostly in Northern NJ) are also indicated in black ink. Below is a detail view of the map's extensive key.



Map key with 25 distinct colors indicating various rock formations.

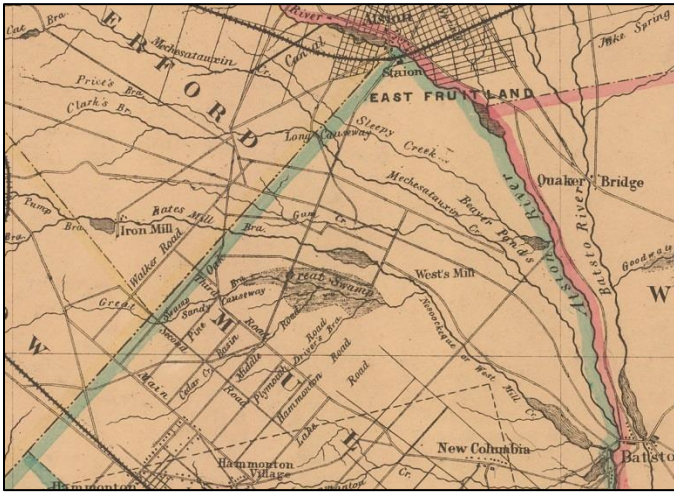


The Newark section of the map with this author's thumb for scale.



View of Lower Manhattan. Scale of one inch to two miles. In addition to New Jersey, this map also depicts the topography of southern New York and Philadelphia.

Here is an even closer view of the map, illustrating individual city streets in Central New Jersey.



Some details are best viewed with a magnifying glass

The library's copy of the map, however, was badly damaged. A pencil annotation on the map indicated it had been donated to the library in 1931 and was "incomplete." For the following decades (and likely its entire life) it had been folded and forgotten in the bottom of a drawer. Over the years, the map had broken along its creases into 32 scraps. Below is the map prior to restoration.



The decision was made to carefully unfold the damaged map and to inspect its condition. After

unfolding it, we realized the map was actually complete, though seriously damaged.



Due to the map's size, decay, and delicate condition, sending it to an outside preservation company was cost prohibitive. However, with the library's limited resources, we could affordably repair and scan the map.

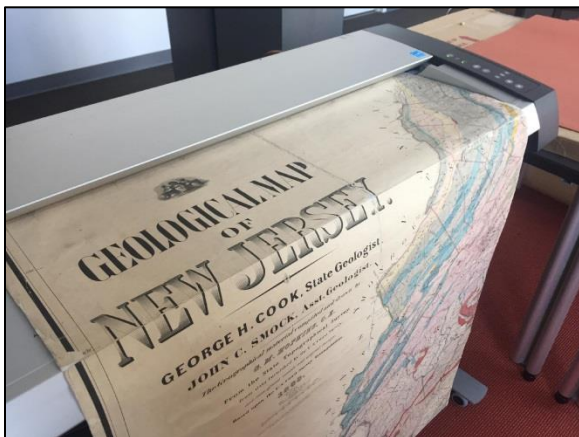
The map was printed on thin and brittle paper but was fortunately mounted on sturdy linen. [Archival quality linen hinging tape](#) was purchased from Gaylord Archival for \$60. This tape was sturdy and durable enough to stitch the map together again. Over two days labor, we carefully trimmed loose string hanging from the broken edges of paper and mounted the linen tape along each edge to hold the map together and prevent further fraying. At a future date, this tape can be removed without damage to the original.

Because of its size - 6 feet wide by 8 feet high - it would not have been practical to repair or scan in one piece. Refold the repaired map would have caused further damage. So, we repaired the map in four quadrants, each measuring 36 by 40 inches that could fit comfortably in a flat map drawer.



After repairs.

To preserve this delicate map, it was best to avoid handling. The decision was made to scan and upload online for use by library patrons and the general public. The [Littman Architecture Library](#) at the New Jersey Institute of Technology generously lent us their scanner for this map and nearly 150 other historic maps in our collection. The map was scanned in four parts at 600dpi tiff.



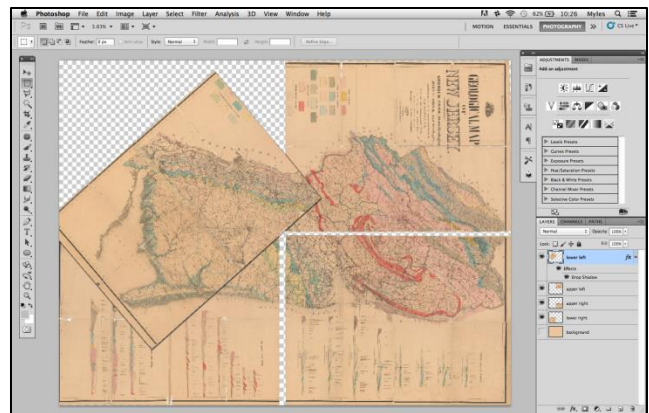
After scanning, the four parts were stitched back together in Photoshop (version CS5 acquired for free). See screenshot at right of the work in process.

In all, this restoration represents the cost of two days labor and \$60 for archival-quality linen repair tape. This process is not perfect, but it is one



Repaired in four parts.

possible course of action for libraries not willing or able to apply for a \$3,000 grant to restore a single item in their collections.



Many thanks to librarians Tom Ankner and George Hawley for help scanning. This project would not have been possible without the generosity of Maya Gervits at the Littman Architecture Library.

Restorations were made by Myles Zhang, an undergraduate student at Columbia University and archival assistant at the Newark Public Library.

[Click here to download the full size version.](#)

WHAT ELSE IS NEW? UPDATES FROM AROUND NEW JERSEY

Nutley Public Library – submitted by Kiran B. Patel, Supervising Librarian

The Monday Night Book Club: “On the Guest List: Adventures of a Music Journalist” with a special appearance by author Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

Monday, November 6, 7 pm: A fun, upbeat memoir about a girl who loves music and life in general. The New Jersey author paints a vivid picture of being a teenager in the 1970s and young woman in the 1980s – and how the punk, new wave and rock scene was from a young fan’s viewpoint. This group has been meeting for years and warmly welcomes new members.

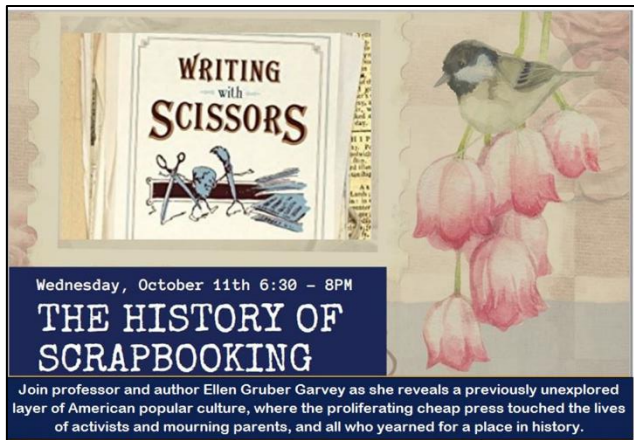


Ocean County Library – submitted by Colleen Goode, Adult Services Librarian

NEA Big Read

The Ocean County Library is the lead partner for Toms River's **NEA Big Read**, a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, whose mission is to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and each other through the joy of reading together the same book.

The Toms River School system chose **Station Eleven**, by Emily St. John Mandel, to integrate into their curriculum. The schools and the library are encouraging town residents to read the novel and attend book-related events throughout October. The following programs will be held at the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library.



[Writing with Scissors: American Scrapbooks from the Civil War to the Harlem Renaissance](#)

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 – 8 pm, Toms River Branch

Presentation by Professor and author Ellen Gruber Garvey about the relationship between scrapbooks and archives, and how 19th century readers spoke back to the media and treasured what mattered to them.

[The Museum of Interesting Things](#)

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 – 8 pm, Toms River Branch

Denny Daniel is the curator and founder of *The Museum of Interesting Things*, a traveling interactive demonstration and exhibition of antique technologies and inventions. Denny inspires kids and adults to be curious and to tinker. This family-friendly, hands-on event will demonstrate what life was like related to inventions and culture. Come learn about (and play with) unique items like a NASA spacesuit, WWII field equipment, and toys from the early 1900s.

Owner and curator Denny Daniel has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Smithsonian Magazine* and on PBS and The History Channel.

Other Historical Programs at the Ocean County Library

Legends of Lacey Township – A Tour through Time

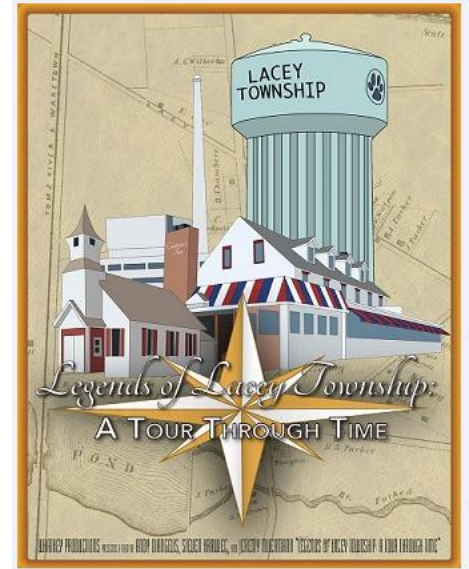
Monday, October 9, 7 – 8 pm, Lacey Branch

An encore showing of this popular documentary film exploring the history of Lacey Township. Created by local residents, Andy DiAngelis, Jeremy Muermann, Steven Krawiec, and Winter Rose Barney. Learn about the origin of the name Lanoka Harbor, the story behind the beginning of Universalism in Lacey, what the Game Farm was like in operation and more.

Local History of the Tuckerton Area

Monday, October 23, 7 pm, Tuckerton Branch

Join in a friendly discussion of local history and lore as passed down through generations, led by Joel M Mott IV. Please come with your stories and collections. Refreshments will be served. *Sponsored by the Great John Mathis Chapter of DAR.*



Operation Torch: The Allied Invasion of North Africa

Tuesday, November 28, 2 pm, OCL, Manchester Branch

The presentation will relate all aspects of this first successful Allied combined operation and how and why it did succeed. Paul Zigo of the WWII Era Studies Institute will lead the presentation.

The Plantagenets: Medieval Warrior Kings of England:

Friday, December 1, 2 pm, Manchester Branch

The Plantagenets were the Kings of England and parts of France from 1154 - 1399. Eight English monarchs will be covered. We will begin with Henry II, great-grandson to William the Conqueror and ending with Richard II; who was immortalized by William Shakespeare.

Piscataway Public Library – submitted by Doug Baldwin, Emerging Technologies Librarian

Discussion of First-Hand Accounts of the War, led by Rutgers Professor Dr. Beryl Satter

Sunday, October 8, 2 pm, Kennedy Branch

This program is part of ***World War I and America***, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities. To register, visit or call the Kennedy Library at 732-463-1633 ext. 6.

Somerset County Library System – submitted by Ken Kaufman, New Jersey Librarian

[COUNTYWIDE IN SOMERSET COUNTY: Weekend Journey through the Past](#)

Saturday, October 14, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, October 15, Noon - 4 pm

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, in collaboration with twenty-nine local historical organizations and tourism partners, has designated the weekend of October 14 & 15, 2017 "[Weekend Journey through the Past](#)." During this two-day period, twenty-nine (29) of the County's significant historic sites will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. This year's event features two newly participating historic sites: The Griggstown Bridge tender's House in Princeton and the Van Liew-Suydam House in Franklin Township. Many of the sites have significant Revolutionary War histories which have contributed to the area's designation as the "Crossroads of the American Revolution State Heritage Area". Local historians will be on hand to share their knowledge and stories about Somerset County's history.

Programs at the Somerset County Library System

[Close the Gates: Immigration Restriction in U.S. Policy](#)

Wednesday, October 18, 7 - 8:30pm, Warren Township Branch

Today, as in the past, the United States maintains policies which restrict immigration and bar immigrants and refugees from entering the country. Policy details will be presented by Carl Lindskoog, Assistant Professor of History at Raritan Valley Community College.

[Historic Haunts of Central Jersey](#)

Monday, October 23, 6:30 – 8 pm, North Plainfield Branch, Program Room

Gordon Thomas Ward will entertain us with Historic Haunts from the shadowed woods of the Somerset Hills to the dappled banks of the Delaware River. What ghosts roam within the historic sites and buildings of central New Jersey? How accurate are the traditional stories? Historic Haunts delivers a rich mix of factual history and the sound investigation of ghostly phenomena.

[Hidden Treasure in Central New Jersey: The Delaware and Raritan Canal](#)

Thursday, November 9, 7 – 8 pm, Bound Brook Branch, Finlayson Room

Bound Brook resident, Ted Settle, brings the story of the Delaware and Raritan Canal to life. Learn about the canal's history during its heyday from the 1830's to the 1870's, the closing of the canal in 1932, and its designation of as a New Jersey state park in 1974.

Woodbridge Public Library – submitted by April Kane

Digital Preservation Fundraising Event

Saturday, October 7, 11 am – 1 pm. First floor meeting room

The Woodbridge Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a fundraiser with Digital Memory Media to help patrons maintain personal memories of print photos, film, videos and other media materials. The Foundation has partnered with Digital Memory Media (a Division of Innovative Document Imaging LLP), a leading provider of digital imaging services. Digital Memory Media brings secure, professional preservation services to individuals at an affordable price. In addition, twenty percent (20%) of all proceeds from the program will be donated to the library. Patrons are encouraged to bring their personal collections, such as print photographs, slides and audio-visual material including VHS videos, 8mm, and 16mm film to the event. Digital Memory Media advisors will be on hand to counsel patrons on the best way to digitally preserve their collections. Once scanned and digitized, patrons will be notified of a date and time to retrieve their material from the Woodbridge Public Library. The program is open to all.


**A Fundraiser for the
Woodbridge Public Library Foundation**


Do you have photos, slides, 8mm and 16mm film or VHS tapes? Age, humidity, acidification, not to mention accidental damage can ruin a lifetime of treasured memories.

**Stop by the Woodbridge Public Library,
1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ
Saturday, October 7 from 11:00am to 1:00 pm**

Drop off your personal collection. Digital Memory Media will professionally convert your materials to DVDs. Once scanned and digitized you will be notified of a date and time to retrieve your DVDs from the Library.

**20% of the revenue will be donated to
the Woodbridge Public Library Foundation**



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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

October 26 – 28: [MARAC Fall 2017 Buffalo Conference](#)

Location: Hyatt Regency Buffalo/Hotel and Conference Center, Buffalo, NY

Program [here](#). Regular registration will **close on Thursday, October 12, 2017**.

October 27: [Documents Association of New Jersey 2017 Conference – Honoring New Jersey's Military History](#)

Location: Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, NJ, Kelsey Complex, 111 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608

Continental Breakfast at 8:45 AM; Program at 9:30 AM

Speakers:

- Keynote, Mark Lender, Professor Emeritus of History, Kean University, ***Morning at Monmouth 28 June 1778: Charles Lee and the Opening Rounds—What Really Happened?***
- Patricia Chappine, Author, ***New Jersey Women in World War II***
- Regina Fitzpatrick, Genealogy Librarian, NJ State Library, ***Researching the Revolutionary War and Civil War Military Service of New Jersey Residents***
- Maren Reed, Director, Navy Archives, Naval History and Heritage Command, ***Preserving the Institutional Records of the U.S. Navy: An Overview of the Naval History and Heritage Command and the Navy Archives***

Registration fee: \$45, students: \$20 (includes breakfast, lunch, and DANJ membership)

Registration Due Oct. 21 to Deborah Mercer (dmerc@njstatelib.org), New Jersey State Library P.O. Box 520, 185 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

LibraryLinkNJ - The New Jersey Library Cooperative is a co-sponsor of the DANJ Conference.

November 3 - 4: 2017 Annual New Jersey History Conference, "[New Jersey and The Great War](#)"

Location: Rowan College at Burlington & Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

Join us November 3-4 as we commemorate the United States' World War I Centennial by exploring New Jersey's contributions to the war effort and the international conflict's impact on the state.

On November 3rd, start the day at Rowan College at Burlington County by delving into New Jersey's role in World War I with keynote speaker, Christopher Capozzola and Garden State scholars and veterans. We are also pleased to present a teachers' workshop on teaching World War I history using primary documents.

The following day, November 4th, don't miss a special opportunity to visit Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, established in 1918 as a World War I camp. Tour the base, participate in oral histories, meet the Harlem Hellfighters, and more!

November 4, 10:30 am: [The Genealogical Society of New Jersey 96th Annual Meeting](#)

Location: Pane Room, Alexander Library, Rutgers University, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Feature Presentation: New Jersey and the Great War, by Joseph G. Bilby, Assistant Curator of the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, Sea Girt, New Jersey

Free and open to the public, but registration is required. **Please register by October 27, 2017.**

November 15, 10 am – 12 pm: [Genealogy Workshop for Librarians and Archivists](#), sponsored by the NJLA History & Preservation Section.

Location: Plainfield Public Library, Computer Lab

Registration deadline: Monday, November 13, 2017

Discover the best, free genealogy resources for librarians and archivists, who deal with genealogists and family history questions. Learn about New Jersey specific resources, proper research methods and documentation, and become aware of pitfalls to avoid. This will be a hands-on workshop with Plainfield Public Library's incredible Genealogy Librarian, Jane Thoner, in the library's computer lab. Participants are encouraged to bring real-life patron questions (or their own) to research during the workshop. The program is free, but online registration is required.

Registrants will be contacted prior to the workshop to determine if additional, fee-based resources should be reviewed during in the session. This workshop can be tailored to accommodate the needs of the registered attendees (15 spaces available, so sign up early!). For details and to register, please go to:

<https://njla.org/content/genealogy-workshop-librarians-and-archivists>

December 4: New Jersey Historical Commission's 50th anniversary celebration. Trenton War Memorial

The new location will enable NJHC to celebrate its anniversary, honoring past and present grantees while bringing to completion New Jersey's WWI centennial activities at the state's largest monument to The Great War.

NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT RUTGERS-CAMDEN

Submitted by Tamara Gaskell, PhD, Co-Editor, the Public Historian, Public Historian in Residence, Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

A new certificate program in historic preservation is being offered by Rutgers-Camden. This continuing education program is open to everyone and provides a low-cost way to learn about the practice of historic preservation as well as its role in sustaining our communities. I hope that you will share this information with your network.

More details can be found at <http://preservation.rutgers.edu/> and our own news item appears at <http://march.rutgers.edu/2017/06/march-sponsors-new-certificate-program-in-historic-preservation>



Students study the architecture of Cooper Street, in Camden, NJ. Courtesy of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities, Rutgers University-Camden.



Workshop participants at the Walt Whitman House, Camden, NJ. Courtesy of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities, Rutgers University-Camden.

An innovative new program at Rutgers University–Camden will offer participants a unique opportunity to learn the processes and techniques of historic preservation in the living classroom of Camden and nearby Philadelphia and southern New Jersey.

History enthusiasts and scholars, practitioners, and other interested members of the public are invited to engage in public history as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities (MARCH) at Rutgers–Camden launches the new certificate in historic preservation program this September.

The non-degree, non-credit program is designed for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of the vocabulary and discipline of historic preservation, explains Tamara Gaskell, public historian in residence at MARCH and co-editor of *The Public Historian*, the flagship journal in the field of public history.

“This includes everyone from members of historic preservation commissions, town planners, historic site administrators, and volunteers, to owners of old or historic buildings, architects, engineers, attorneys, and students,” says Gaskell.

According to MARCH’s public historian in residence, the research center began offering new continuing education classes and workshops in historic preservation last fall, with the intent of developing them into a non-credit certificate program if enough interest was generated.

“The response has been tremendous,” says Gaskell, “so we are officially launching the certificate program this fall.”

The new certificate program will offer an array of continuing education classes, as well as full- and half-day workshops. Experienced, working professionals will lead all of the classes and workshops, providing a realistic perspective on how the tangible remains of the past can be integrated within current environments.

“Students will gain basic competencies as well as a more in-depth understanding of contemporary historic preservation practices,” says Gaskell.

In order to be eligible for the certificate, students must earn 15 continuing education credits, including required courses “Introduction to Historic Preservation” and “American Architectural History,” as well as either “Preservation Planning” or “Materials and Techniques of Historic Restoration and Rehabilitation.” Some classes provide credit toward American Institute of Architects and/or American Institute of Certified Planners continuing education requirements. Students are also welcome to take individual courses or workshops without working toward a certificate.

Gaskell notes that the Rutgers–Camden program fulfills the greater mission of public history by supporting public historians and others who are working to preserve the remnants of the past found in our built environment.

“Public history and historic preservation help connect people to their communities, enhance the quality of life, and promote heritage tourism and economic development,” says Gaskell. “Simply put, they build stronger communities.”

For more information or to register, visit preservation.rutgers.edu/certificate-program or contact Gaskell at 856-225-6878 or tamara.gaskell@rutgers.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2017

October 7, 11 am / *Digital Preservation Fundraising Event* / Woodbridge Public Library

October 8, 1 – 4 pm (2 pm talk) / *Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend* / Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum

October 8, 2 pm / *Discussion of first-hand accounts of the war, led by Rutgers Professor Dr. Beryl Satter* / Piscataway Public Library

October 9, 7 – 8 pm / *Legends of Lacey Township – A Tour through Time* / OCL, Lacey Branch

October 10, 2 pm / *Movie: Back to the Future (1985, PG, 1 hour 56 minutes)* / Monmouth County Library, Headquarters Branch, Manalapan

October 11, Archives Week Programs, Monmouth County Library, Headquarters Branch, Manalapan

- 10 - 11:30 am / *From Convicts to Colonels: Monmouth County Inventors*
- [11:45 am – 1 pm / NJLA History & Preservation Section Meeting](#)
- 1 pm / Keynote Address Dr. Paul Israel / *New Jersey: A State of Innovation*
- 2:30 pm / *Nokia Bell Labs: Nine Decades of Inventing the Future*
- 3 - 5 pm / *Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942*

October 11, 6:30 – 8 pm / *Writing with Scissors: American Scrapbooks from the Civil War to the Harlem Renaissance* / OCL, Toms River Branch

October 14, 8:45 am – 3pm / *Archives and History Day* / Monmouth County Library Headquarters

October 14, 2 – 3 pm / *Book Talk and Signing with Comic Artist Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez* / Newark Public Library

October 14 & 15 / [Weekend Journey through the Past](#) / throughout Somerset County

October 18, 7 - 8:30 pm / *Close the Gates: Immigration Restriction in U.S. Policy* / SCLS, Warren Township Branch

October 18, 6:30 – 8 pm / *The Museum of Interesting Things* / OCL, Toms River Branch

October 19, 7 - 8:30 pm / *Wires and Waves: How We All Got Connected. A Brief History of Modern Communications* / Monmouth County Library, Headquarters Branch, Manalapan

October 22, 1 – 4 pm (2 pm talk) / *Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend* / Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum

October 23, 6:30 – 8 pm / *Historic Haunts of Central Jersey* / SCLS, North Plainfield Branch

October 23, 7 pm / *Local History of the Tuckerton Area* / OCL, Tuckerton Branch

October 26–28: [MARAC Fall 2017 Buffalo Conference](#)

October 27: [Documents Association of New Jersey 2017 Conference](#), Trenton

October 28, 2 – 4:30 pm / Documentary: *The Borinqueneers* / Newark Public Library

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November 4, 2 – 4 pm / *Public Forum: Puerto Rico's Present Crisis and Political Future* / Newark Public Library

November 6, 7 pm / *On the Guest List: Adventures of a Music Journalist* / Nutley Public Library

November 9, 7 – 8 pm / *Hidden Treasure in Central New Jersey* / SCLS, Bound Brook Branch

November 12, 1 – 4 pm (2 pm talk) / *Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend* / Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum

November 15, 10 am – 12 pm / [Genealogy Workshop, sponsored by NJLA H&P Section](#) / Plainfield Public Library

November 18, 2 – 4:30 pm / *Eating Puerto Rico, a Cooking and Tasting Demonstration* / Newark Public Library

November 26, 1 – 4 pm (2 pm talk) / *Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend* / Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum

November 28, 2 pm / *Operation Torch: The Allied Invasion of North Africa* / OCL, Manchester Branch

December 2017

December 1, 2 pm / *The Plantagenets: Medieval Warrior Kings of England* / OCL, Manchester Branch

December 4 / [New Jersey Historical Commission's 50th anniversary celebration](#) / Trenton War Memorial

December 10, 1 – 4 pm (2 pm talk) / *Princess White Deer: A Woman, A Mohawk and A Legend* / Sparta Historical Society's Van Kirk Homestead Museum

H&P SECTION MEETING

Mark your calendars for our next meeting on **October 11th**, at **11:45 am**, at the Headquarters Branch of the Monmouth County Library, 125 Symmes Dr, Manalapan Township, NJ. Stay for the day and enjoy the speakers.