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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken Kaufman, Section President

I hope all are well and remain safe in these challenging times. As you have probably guessed, our Section has been in the midst of picking up the pieces from several months of disruption. I am grateful to our dedicated members who have kept our main functions moving forward, despite the disappointment of not being able to come together in the traditional way.

While we were not able to see our 2020 conference plans come to fruition, I very much appreciated the program ideas which grew out of our planning process, as well as becoming acquainted with the excellent presenters and their organizations. Looking forward to 2021 conference, the Executive Board has met and started developing some exciting new ideas, which fit well with the theme of "All In: Accessibility, Equity, and Inclusiveness". I anticipate seeing these ideas crafted into strong submissions for the NJLA Conference Committee before the November 30th deadline.

Recognizing and celebrating the achievements of a deserving colleague has always been a prominent feature for us during conference time. Although we sorely missed this in-person tradition, I want all to know that Debra Schiff was the 2020 recipient of the Susan Swartzburg Award. Though not a substitute for the awards ceremony, Deb was given the honor through a virtual presentation, in which she thanked everyone who helped her with the Archivists to the Rescue program. I would like to think that Deb discovered her passion for making archival techniques accessible for non-archivists while serving as H&P Section President several years ago!

On September 28th, our Executive Board discussed reorganization for 2020 – 2021. We were delighted to appoint Beth Zak-Cohen for the vacancy of Vice President. Since then, she has taken the lead on organizing our conference proposal efforts. Other business at the meeting included forming our various committees and discussing future activities. For more on this year's board,

please refer to a brief article contained in this issue of the newsletter.

Our first general membership meeting will be held via Zoom on **December 7th from 1 to 2:30pm**. In addition to conducting the usual Section business, this meeting offers us an opportunity to come together for the first time

since January, and learn how our organizations are navigating these challenging times. Details to login will follow soon. I look forward to “seeing” you there!

NJLA H&P Executive Board Bios

New Section Leadership:



President: Kenneth Kaufman, Somerset County Library System

Ken Kaufman is an adult services librarian at Somerset County Library System, specializing in local history and genealogy research assistance. For eight years, he has been active in the History & Preservation Section, serving as Secretary for the last several years. Earning an MLS from Rutgers University, he has been a librarian for 19 years, working in various reference and collection development capacities at the Bridgewater branch of SCLSNJ and Old Bridge Public Library. Prior to his library career, Ken worked in banking and received a BS from Penn State University and an MBA from St. Joseph's University.



Vice President: Beth Zak-Cohen, Newark Public Library

Beth Zak-Cohen has been a librarian at the Charles F. Cummings Information Center at Newark Public Library since 2015. She is a Newark native and a graduate of Science Park High School, Princeton University, and Rutgers University. She has assisted on many historical publications and exhibits including Newark Walks (app), The Synagogues of Newark (exhibit), Radical Women (exhibit), “Inside Newark” by Robert Curvin, and “Radium Girls” by Kate Moore. She was an NJLA Emerging Leader in the 2018 - 2019 year.



Secretary: Richetta Wilson Lobban, East Orange Public Library

After working many years in museums and publishing, Richetta Wilson Lobban decided that librarianship was the path for her and earned an MLIS from Rutgers University. She is currently a reference librarian at the East Orange Public Library, aiming to make its local history collection more accessible to the public.



Past-President: Sarah Hull, Plainfield Public Library

Sarah Hull is the head of the Local History, Genealogy & Special Collections Department at the Plainfield Public Library. Sarah has an MA in Medieval Studies from Fordham University and an MS in Library and Information Science, with a concentration in Archives Management, from Simmons College. She has been working as a professional librarian and archivist for over twenty years. She is an NJLA Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award recipient (2017). In her spare time, she enjoys playing Dungeons & Dragons and placing items into “Save for Later” on Amazon.

Members-at-Large:



Thomas Ankner, Newark Public Library:

Thomas Ankner has been an information professional for more than 25 years. After working in the Circulation Department at the Morristown & Morris Township Library, he received an MLS degree from Rutgers in 1992. Tom then worked at the Brooklyn Public Library, where he assisted patrons in the Telephone Reference division.

In 1996, Tom took a detour into the private sector. He spent more than a decade as a researcher for national news media outlets: first for ABC News in New York City, then for *USA TODAY* outside of Washington, DC. Tom made a return to the world of public libraries when he was hired by the Newark Public Library in 2010. He was recently promoted to be the principal librarian in charge of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey

Information Center. He has also operated a small genealogy research business since 2011.



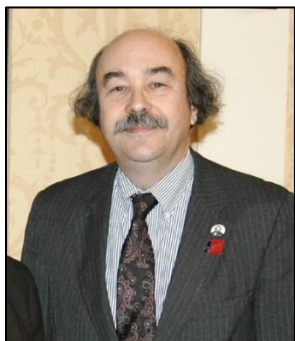
Sarah Kiefer, Ridgewood Public Library:

Sarah Kiefer pursued her MLIS at Rutgers University, graduating in 2013. With her interest in history, and her previous Masters of History from William Paterson University, she fit right into the role of Local History Librarian at Ridgewood Public Library. Though she spends most of her time in the Bolger Heritage Center, assisting patrons with questions on local history and genealogy, Sarah is also a part of the Reference team.



Jessica Myers, Bloomfield Historical Society:

Jessica Myers works with the Historical Society of Bloomfield. She received her MLIS from Rutgers University in 2000. Jessica retired as Plainfield Public Library's Local History & Special Collections Librarian in 2012. She currently leads the Memoir Writing Group at Plainfield Senior Center. In the past, she worked at Princeton Public Library, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale and Christ's College Library in Cambridge.



Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archives: Gary D. Saretzky worked as an archivist at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (1968-1969), Educational Testing Service (1969-1993), and the Monmouth County Archives (1994-2019). Gary taught history of photography at Mercer County Community College (1977-2012) and coordinated the Public History Internship Program for the Rutgers University History Department (1994-2016). He has served as a consultant to more than 60 different archives in New Jersey, primarily through CAPES, the consulting service of the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC/NJ). He gave more than 50 lectures around the state on 19th century New Jersey photographers. Gary has been President of the Princeton Preservation Group

since 2005 and is a past Chair of the Business Archives Section of the Society of American Archivists (1978-1979), the MARAC/NJ Caucus (1998-2002), the Preservation Committee of the New Jersey Region V Library Cooperative (1988-1990), and the Preservation Section of the New Jersey Library Association (1986-1987).

2020 ROGER H. MCDONOUGH AWARD WINNER

Submitted by Robert Vietrogoski, President, NJSAA

On behalf of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, the New Jersey Historical Commission, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference-New Jersey Caucus, and the New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section, we are pleased to announce Deborah Mercer as the winner of the 2020 Roger H. McDonough Award. This award is presented to a librarian, archivist, or manuscript curator for 10 or more years of excellence in service to the New Jersey history research community and/or the general public. As the New Jersey Collections librarian at the New Jersey State Library since 2002, Ms. Mercer has played a pivotal role in expanding access to historic New Jersey documents, rare books, maps and Jerseyana resources for all types of public and private researchers and state government officials. The nomination for Ms. Mercer noted, “Deborah creates opportunities to make history more accessible to others, not just through the collection management and digitization work she does, but through programs, displays, and participation in statewide organizations. She seeks ways to broaden appreciation for the rich history New Jersey offers its citizens.” Her dedication to the field does not end with her duties at the State Library. Ms. Mercer provides her expertise and dedication to her additional work with the New Jersey Historical Commission, New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, New Jersey Library Association, and Documents

Association of New Jersey. For all of these reasons, we are honored to present her with the 2020 Roger H. McDonough Award. Congratulations, Deborah Mercer!



Deborah Mercer
New Jersey Collections Librarian
New Jersey State Library

NEW JERSEY STUDIES ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

AWARD WINNERS AND MEETING ANNOUNCED

Submitted by Tara Maharjan, Processing Archivist, Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries

MAPPEN STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT:

The New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance (NJSAA) is pleased to announce the 2020 winners of its Mappen Student Research Grant, which supports work on any aspect of New Jersey studies. This \$300 grant is open to both high school and undergraduate and graduate students. The grant is named in honor of Marc Mappen, former executive director of the New Jersey Historical Commission and a legend in the field of New Jersey studies.

The 2020 grant awardees are:

- Kamika Bennett, a graduate student at Rutgers University
- Eric Deutsch, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Buffalo
- William Elwell, a graduate student at Monmouth University
- Ashley Parker, a graduate student at Monmouth University
- Shu Wan, a graduate student at the University of Iowa

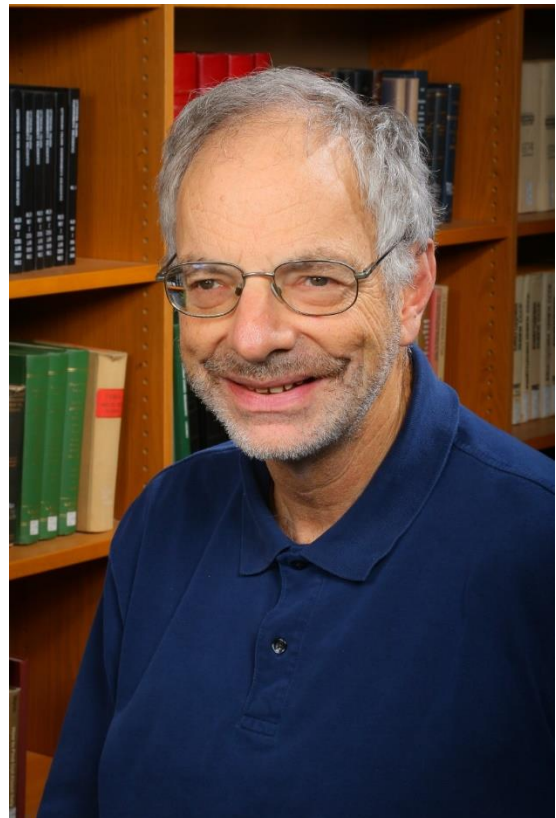
STELLHORN AWARD

The NJSAA Stellhorn Award recognizes excellence in undergraduate writing about New Jersey history. It honors an outstanding and much-loved historian of New Jersey, the late Paul A. Stellhorn. The 2020 Stellhorn Award is presented to Vayne Ong of Princeton University for her senior thesis titled “Springwood Avenue Rising: Race, Leisure, and Decline in the 1970 Asbury Park Rising,” Professor Alison Isenberg nominated the thesis for the award; and Sean Graham of Centenary University for his paper titled “The Origins of Centenary Collegiate

Institute: A Story of Industrialization, Wealth, and Natural Resources.” Professor Noah Haiduc-Dale nominated his paper for the award.

MAXINE LURIE AWARD

The New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance is delighted to present its 2020 Maxine Lurie Award to Ronald Becker. This award recognizes an NJSAA member who has had a career of outstanding achievement in the field of New Jersey Studies.



Ronald Becker
2020 Maxine Lurie Award Recipient

In a career beginning in 1974, Ron Becker demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to New Jersey history, libraries, and archives. As Head of Rutgers Special Collections and University Archives from 1991 to 2016, Ron exerted a lasting influence on New Jersey scholarship and bibliography. Ron promoted New Jersey studies by welcoming and encouraging all types of scholars, from aspiring researchers to retirees, from undergraduates to post-docs, from fourth graders to visiting Harvard professors.

Ron's tireless efforts included fundraising, presenting programs, writing articles, editing the Mid-Atlantic Archivist, reviewing grants, judging National History Day presentations, and serving on countless committees and editorial boards, all in the service of New Jersey studies.

As a founding member of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, Ron has been a constant advocate for our group. He provided NJSAA with a central meeting place, where parking passes, hot coffee, and warm fellowship were guaranteed. Congratulations, Ron Becker!

NJSAA MEETING

Please join the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance for their **December 9, 2020** virtual meeting and Author Award presentation. The panel of this year's winners will discuss their books in the categories of non-fiction scholarly and non-fiction popular.

Scholarly category:

Beyond the City and the Bridge: East Asian Immigration in a New Jersey Suburb by Noriko Matsumoto (Rutgers University Press, 2018)

Popular category:

The Franklin Park Tragedy: A Forgotten Story of Racial Injustice in New Jersey by Brian Armstrong (The History Press, 2019)

The business meeting will begin at 3 pm and all are welcome to attend. There will be a short break at 4 pm (BYOS - bring your own snacks!) and then the winners we will begin their talk at 4:15 pm. Please register for the meeting in advance: <https://go.rutgers.edu/NJSAA1220>



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SUSAN SWARTZBURG AWARD

The Awards Committee of the NJLA History and Preservation Section is seeking nominations for the 2021 Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award.

This award honors the memory of a librarian whose leadership in New Jersey inspired and influenced many others in our profession, particularly in the areas of preservation of library materials, archives, and the book arts.

Criteria for the Award:

* **Leadership.** Has demonstrated support for funding of conservation projects; promoting education of conservation issues; and increasing the visibility of archival/history materials.

* **Creativity.** Has developed new and interesting methods of interpretation through exhibits, programs, lectures and publications.

* **Commitment.** Has built an impressive body of work at one or more institutions in the areas of conservation, archives and/or historical fields; has a strong record of participation in NJLA; and has exhibited knowledge of and concern for the basic principles of preservation over time.

Please complete the nomination form available from <http://nijlamembers.org/content/susan-swartzburg-award> (also included here in the appendix) and return it by **March 1, 2020** to sarah.hull@plfdpl.info or Sarah Hull, Plainfield Public Library, 800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

EAST ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT

Submitted by Richetta Wilson Lobban, Reference/Local History Librarian

The East Orange Public Library was awarded a grant of more than \$18,000 by the New Jersey Historical Commission in support of "Preserving Local History." The grant will go toward digitizing the microfilm of local newspapers published between 1873 and 1983.

The titles are: *East Orange Citizen* (1922-1932), the *East Orange Courier* (1896), the *East Orange Gazette* (1873-1908), and the *East Orange Record* (1912-1983).

C.A.P.E.S. TO THE RESCUE

Submitted by Frederic C. Pachman, Director,
Altschul Medical Library, Monmouth Medical Center

Do you know about the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (C.A.P.E.S.)? For more than 30 years we have consulted with historical organizations across the Garden State.

► This is a free, grant-sponsored program, jointly promoted by the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference.

► Funds an on-site visit by a professional archivist.

► Clients receive a written report with preservation and organization recommendations.

► No application deadline -- apply any time

The survey includes reviewing and providing recommendations for improvements in the following

areas; physical facility (environmental factors, fire and security protection), storage (shelving and containers), reformatting materials (microfilm/digitization), collection arrangement and description, and policies. A detailed report will be provided and can be used to support other grant applications.

To be eligible, you must have collections that are open to the public and relate to New Jersey history. Only archival materials (books, papers, maps, photographs, and audio-visual) are surveyed. Government archives are not eligible.

You may contact the CAPES coordinator at 732-923-6646 or capescoordinator@gmail.com with questions.

For additional information and our application, please go to this link:

<https://nj.gov/state/historical/assets/pdf/grants/2015-1217-capes-application-form.pdf>

THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOMERSET LIBRARY: ASSEMBLING THE PIECES

Submitted by Ken Kaufman, Adult Services Librarian, SCLSNJ

When commissioner Whiton arrived at the Somerset-Middlesex Grange meeting with the new library truck, it was more than a proud moment for displaying the tangible progress made by Somerset County Library in its first months. This event also announced to the county's proponents of agricultural interests that meaningful library service would soon become a reality. The book truck in motion represented an organization ready for action and proved that its assembly efforts throughout 1930 had been a success.



Original book truck

An overwhelmingly positive referendum vote in November of 1929 made it all possible (see *The Chronicle*, vol. 21, no. 3 for more details), but by January of 1930 the real work of building the organization had yet to begin. However, the Public Library Commission in Trenton had much experience in planting the seeds for local library governance, and its efforts for Somerset County were no different. Plans were already in place by the Freeholders to float a resolution for permanent funding, appoint a Library Commission, and utilize a recent property purchase to establish a headquarters. However, it

would require most of the year to get it all into place, just in time for the beginning of the school year.

In March 1930, Dorothy Van Gorder of Cleveland, Ohio was selected from a nationwide search as the first Somerset County librarian. This graduate of Western Reserve University library school started work on May 15, 1930 acquiring and cataloging the book collection. By the end of the year, she and one assistant successfully added more than 9,000 volumes to the collection. She also canvassed communities throughout the county to obtain support for establishing local library stations. These accomplishments were the first of many for Van Gorder, who successfully led the library through the Great Depression years, shortages during World War II, and the booming growth of the post-war years. She retired in 1962. Many years later when she spoke about her experiences, she most fondly recalled driving the book truck along narrow country lanes.



Dorothy Van Gorder (*seated at desk*) with Somerset County Library Commission in 1949

Shortly after Van Gorder came aboard, the Somerset County Library Commission was formed as the permanent ruling body. Commissioners came from all corners of the county and with various vocations: Robert G. Sanford was Superintendent of Schools, Edna McVicker owned and operated an employment agency, Dr. Walter H. Winton was a physician, lecturer and activist for agricultural concerns, Rev. John M. Harper was an Episcopal minister and rector, and Marie Hoagland was active in her local agriculture extension service. Like Van Gorder, these first commissioners remained intimately involved with the library for many years to come.

Up until July 1930, this small group of founders relied on the generosity of Somerville Public Library staff, who temporarily shared their offices with the fledging operation. However, on July 1st, the first floor of the Jacob Todd House at 26 N. Bridge Street became the library's first permanent home. Purchased by the County the year before, the property's location, adjacent to the courthouse buildings, seemed a perfect site for alleviating crowded conditions. Adding the library's newfound needs for storing and distributing books into the mix, it appeared inevitable that it would become the site's most suitable tenant. After several months of renovations to convert the private residence into public office space, the library staff and commission set up shop. Here they remained for another 22 years.

Around the same time the Jacob Todd House opened, the library book truck was ordered and equipped for its special mission. Arriving with a standard chassis, the vehicle required a few more weeks of alterations at the auto body shop of Julius Lapinsky of Raritan. The result was a mini library on wheels with a capacity for 500 books, which became the essential

link between headquarters and the library stations and schools scattered throughout the county. In its first month of operation, the book truck distributed 3,500 books to the 22 stations and 66 schools established by the community. Initial scheduling for the work horse was a monthly visit to each station and school. Through the ensuing years, service capacity and frequency increased as the book truck was replaced by more trucks with better equipped shelving for outdoor use, which was, in turn, superseded by walk-in bookmobiles.



Jacob Todd House

I doubt commissioner Whiton could have imagined the growth that awaited Somerset County Library as its communities shifted from rural to suburban in the post-war years, but he certainly could be proud of the foundation he, his fellow commissioners, and the director laid in 1930. Dorothy Van Gorder expressed her optimism for the first-year efforts when she wrote, "The interest shown by the Somerset people in their county library is most gratifying. The fine spirit shown by the custodians is going to forward the work as nothing else could. It is due to these factors along with the earnest efforts of the library staff which has made the Somerset County Library fact."

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Sarah Hull, Head of Local History, Genealogy & Special Collections,
Plainfield Public Library

When Plainfield Public Library (PPL) finally reopened our doors to the public on August 26, 2020, it was only for limited services of public computers and office machines. All our in-person programs were (still) cancelled. What followed was a renewed collaboration between the Historical Society of Plainfield / Drake House Museum (HSP) and the Library's Local History, Genealogy & Special Collections Department. Unable to safely open for in-person programs, PPL and HSP shared program ideas, funding, and mailing lists to present a weekly series of Saturday morning programs online.



First, we used the Library's Zoom account to hold virtual "meeting" programs. This evolved into "webinars" using the access provided by the New Jersey State Library.

We started with two programs in September: "**Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow**," a New York

Historical Society presentation as part of PPL's Museum Pass Program; and "**Hidden History Stories of Early Local African Americans**," presented by HSP President Nancy Piwovar. Seventy-five people attended the two programs. We were thrilled!

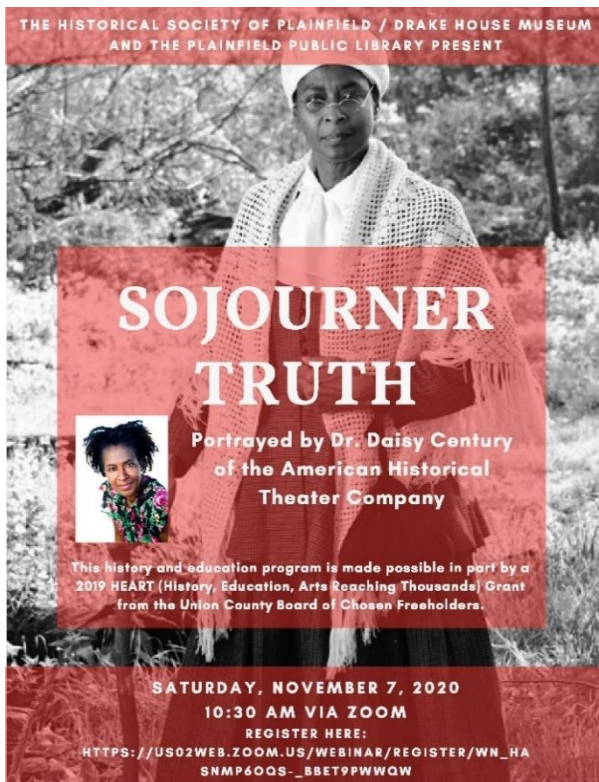
In October, we offered three programs. The first acted as the return of PPL's genealogy club with a program originally scheduled for April: "**Perfect Together: Facebook & Genealogy**" with Michelle Chubenko. Next up: "**When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story**," in which the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia brought this recently opened exhibition to Plainfield. We ended the month with a seasonal program by the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society, "**Haunted Transportation: Ghostly Sightings via Air, Land & Sea**." This last one was our first official program using the "webinar" platform (vs. "meeting") on Zoom. October participation totaled 60.

The Zoom platform allows us to obtain statistics easily, including contact emails and attendee zip codes, as well as feedback such as "where did you hear about this program?" Attendees enjoy the safe and casual virtual environment, and appreciate the content we are offering. Beginning in November, we will open the archive for virtual patron appointments on Zoom. Our first appointment is for genealogy. Zoom's screen-share feature will allow our remote patrons to access the Library's on-site only resource: FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

We have five more programs set for November and December, and we invite all of you to attend. All programs are co-hosted by Plainfield Public Library and the Historical Society of Plainfield / Drake House Museum. For more information, please contact Sarah Hull at sarah.hull@plfdpl.info.

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I A Woman, Portrayed by Dr. Daisy Century

Saturday, November 7 (Rescheduled from March 2020), 10:30 to 11:30 am via Zoom
Presented by Dr. Daisy Century & the American Historical Theater Company



Dr. Daisy Century gives a commanding performance of Ms. Truth, bringing to life a woman undeterred by incredible obstacles, a woman who mixed with the leading figures of her day, including Susan B. Anthony, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Audience members are urged to consider the twin goals of racial and gender parity of equal importance. This program is funded in part by a Union County HEART (History, Education, Arts

Reaching Thousands) Grant from the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

REGISTRATION: Registration is closed for this event.

Victorian Christmas Traditions

Saturday, November 14, 10:30 to 11:30am via Zoom

Presented by Alisa Dupuy & the Ladies of History
Ever wonder why people kiss under the mistletoe at Christmastime? Lady of History, Alisa Dupuy, as her 19th-century character Eliza Blackwell Dupree, will explain this and other Victorian Christmas traditions such as holiday ornaments, Christmas cards, candy canes, and poinsettias. She will also discuss Victorian fashions and sing Christmas carols. Why not pour yourself a nice cup of tea and enjoy this welcome to the holiday season!

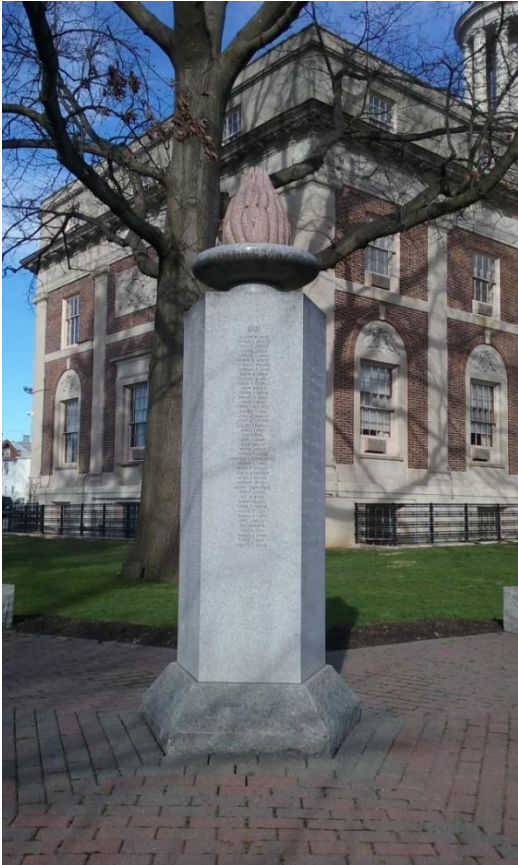
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Remembering Plainfield's WWI Soldiers

Saturday, November 21, 10:30 to 11:30 am via Zoom

Presented by Nancy Piwovar, President of The Historical Society of Plainfield



Join Plainfield historian Nancy Piwovar for her presentation about Plainfield during World War I and the influenza pandemic, based on the Drake House exhibit. In commemoration of Veterans Day, we dedicate this program to the memory of the 45 soldiers and their Gold Star Families from Plainfield and the surrounding area who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country during WWI. Some were born in the United States and others were immigrants, but all served their country with courage, bravery, and valor.

REGISTRATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_89vsOMDTSIC_EeB8S43HPA

Using DNA for Family History Research

Saturday, December 5, 10:30 to 11:30 am via Zoom
Presented by American Ancestors and NEHGS (AA-NEHGS)

Advances in DNA research over the last decades have had huge implications for the field of genealogy. Yet, with the growing number of companies and options, it can be difficult to know what test is best for you and your genealogical goals. In this lecture, an AA-NEHGS Senior Researcher will discuss what types of genetic tests are available to family historians, what genealogical problems they can—and can't—assist you with and what tools are available to help you interpret results and understand matches. No matter what your ethnic or cultural background, this program will help you navigate the numerous options available today. Attendees will have ample time to ask questions following the lecture.

REGISTRATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y2bTYzjaTiuAhvtlZ1fDyQ

Children's 'Twas the Night before Christmas

Saturday, December 12, 10:30 to 11:30 am
via Zoom

Presented by Alisa Dupuy & the Ladies of History
Lady of History, Alisa Dupuy, as her 19th-century character Eliza Blackwell Dupree, will educate & entertain us once again. This time, with a reading of one of the oldest and most popular Christmas poems ever: *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. She will start by explaining a bit about the poem's history and dispute over its authorship, as well as some common Christmas traditions. She will then read the story, illustrated with beautiful pictures – all while dressed in Victorian costume. This program geared towards children is sure to delight adults as well!

REGISTRATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GmawZAJARoavEUpluEiQXA

OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

Submitted by Colleen Goode, Adult Services Librarian, Toms River Branch

***Lakewood Library during World War I (1914-1922):
How the Library was Built and Its Contributions to
the War Effort***

Friday, October 23 – Friday, November 27

Virtual display

Come view our virtual timeline of events going back in time when Lakewood built their first library building and contributed to the War efforts from

1917-1921. View digitized historical documents on how Lakewood's library donated money and resources to our soldiers here and abroad.

https://padlet.com/kcancellieri/lakewood_library_warhistory

SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Kathlyn Kelly, Adult Services Librarian, Bridgewater Branch

***Lobby Showcase: The Mayflower Landing 400
Years Ago (1620-2020)***

Date: On display for the month of November

Location: Bound Brook branch

America celebrates the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock on November 9, 2020. This display features some of the newly published material commemorating the landing in 1620 as well as the GSMD (Genealogical Society of Mayflower Descendants) Silver Books for genealogical research. Family researchers whose ancestors traveled on the Mayflower are welcome to visit the library (the sole Somerset County site) to access this rich genealogical resource.

Meet the Author: Michael C. Gabriele

Thursday, November 12, 7 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4500448>

Stories from New Jersey Diners is the newest book by Garden State author Michael C. Gabriele. For more than 100 years diners have played an important role in New Jersey's history. Many tales are snapshots of the immigrant experience—people who have traveled to New Jersey from far-away countries to gain a foothold as American citizens. This is Gabriele's fourth book on New Jersey history, and second book about the Garden State's diner business.

Presidential Signatures

Saturday, November 21, 2 pm, virtual program

Please visit this link to

register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4498324>

Handwriting Historian Terry Antoniewicz will analyze the signatures of many of the Presidents to reveal notable character strengths, some flaws, and the impact on the history.

Historic Houses for Contemporary Lives

Monday, November 30, 7 pm, virtual program

Please visit this link to

register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4531024>

Author Scott T. Hanson will talk about his new award-winning and best-selling book, "Restoring Your Historic House, The Comprehensive Guide for Homeowners." This presentation will introduce the book and discuss how a thoughtful approach to restoration can save both money and the historic character of a house while making it livable for 21st century lives. A live question and answer period will follow.

Bound Brookers and South Bound Brookers: Brief Bios of Bygone Days

Monday, January 25, 2021, 7 pm, virtual program

Please visit this link to

register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4642091>

This program covers a number of talented people who excelled in a variety of fields. Each person had some "connection" to Bound Brook or South Bound Brook. Hear the stories and contributions of those who came before us and settled (if only for a while) in this little corner of Somerset County.

George Washington's Winter Encampments

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 7 pm, virtual program

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/4619795>

In New Jersey, the Morristown winter of 1780 is remembered as having been even worse than that experienced in Valley Forge. This lecture tells the complete story of the winter encampments. While these locations never hosted a battle, they provided crucial winter bases for the army and ultimately made decisive contributions to American victory in

the War of Independence. Presented by Dr. Steven Elliott author of *Surviving the Winters: Housing Washington's Army during the American Revolution*.

SUSAN G. SWARTZBURG PRESERVATION AWARD

NOMINATION FORM

Please complete or prepare facsimile with same information to

Sarah Hull, Chair NJLA History & Preservation Section Awards Committee at
sarah.hull@plfdpl.info

or

Sarah Hull,
Plainfield Public Library
800 Park Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

DEADLINE March 1, 2021

The Susan G. Swartzburg Award, created in 2003, recognizes a New Jersey Library Association member who, over a substantial number of years, has made exceptional contributions to the awareness, understanding, and/or preservation of archival and library materials in New Jersey. The Award honors the memory of the Rutgers Preservation Librarian whose leadership in New Jersey inspired and influenced many others in our profession, particularly in the areas of preservation and book arts. The awardee is selected by the NJLA History & Preservation Section of NJLA. The award will be presented at the annual NJLA Conference in May 2021.

Criteria for the Award:

Leadership. Has demonstrated support for funding of conservation projects; promoting education of conservation issues; and increasing the visibility of archival/history materials.

Creativity. Has developed new and interesting methods of interpretation through exhibits, programs, lectures and publications.

Commitment. Has built an impressive body of work at one or more institutions in the areas of conservation, archives and/or historical fields; has a strong record of participation in NJLA; and has exhibited knowledge of and concern for the basic principles of preservation over time.

Name of Individual Nominated _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Person making the nomination _____

Address _____

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Phone Number _____

How does the nominee meet the criteria of the award (attach continuation if necessary)?

What are the outstanding characteristics of the nominee (attach continuation if necessary)?

List relevant positions held by nominee, e.g. library, archives, historical, curatorial, professional, or educational, but not elected political offices, with dates if known (attach continuation if necessary or attach resume with this information):

List supporting documents, such as publications, by or about the nominee (attach continuation if necessary or attach resume with this information):

Past winners of this award include:

- 2003 - Elsalyn Palmisano
- 2004 - Ralph Ocker
- 2005 - Elizabeth "Betty" Steckman
- 2006 - Gary Saretzky
- 2007 - Joseph DaRold
- 2008 - Susan Gulick
- 2009 - Peggy Norris
- 2010 - Michele Stricker
- 2011 - Miriam Kornblatt
- 2013 - Frederic C. Pachman
- 2014 - Tim Corlis
- 2015 - Deborah Mercer
- 2016 - Robert Stewart
- 2017 - Sarah Hull
- 2018 - Chad Leinaweaver
- 2019 - Karl Niederer
- 2020 - Debra Schiff