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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Beekman, Section President

As I wind down my service as Section President with this last report for *The Chronicle* and our 2024 NJLA Conference, I am first and foremost grateful for the community of professionals that support the work of our section and who have also become my friends over this and preceding years.

During the past year we held three general membership meetings. All have been very well attended, with over twenty participants each time. The most recent meeting was our first in person meeting since the pandemic. It was personally gratifying for me that this brought the H&P Section back to Plainfield Public Library, the site of many section meetings in the time I was first active nearly 20 years ago. Due to some excellent technical infrastructure, we were able to host about 1/3 of the attendees virtually. Thanks so much to Sarah Hull for setting up the meeting and for the very convivial tour of the reading room and archives space offered to those who came in person.

As detailed in my last report, we also hosted our first post-pandemic in-person professional development activity in February, with a tour of the NJ State Archives and visit to the State Museum. It is my hope that we will continue to expand both in person and virtual networking and professional development opportunities.

Our last meeting of the 2023-2024 term will be at the annual conference, in the Sea Isle Room at noon on Thursday, May 30. Our section-sponsored conference sessions, detailed elsewhere in this issue, are later in the day Thursday and on Friday, including some that are "double booked." I won't pretend that this is not disappointing, but it

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does provide an opportunity to attend some of the many other interesting and useful sessions our colleagues have planned.

While I won't let out any spoilers, I am very excited about this year's winner of the Swartzburg Award. I am very much looking forward to making this presentation as my final official act as H&P President. Sincere thanks to the Awards Committee, all those who submitted nominations, and to Juber Ayala and the Conference Committee for continuing our strong record of support for the annual conference's programming.

I'm also grateful to Jacqueline Silver-Morillo for stepping into the leadership track here, and to all of the current members who are continuing their service. Special recognition and sincere appreciation to Jaqueline Oshman for her timely and detailed work in the often thankless job of Section Secretary, and Kathlyn Kelly for maintaining the traditional high standards here in our Section Newsletter.

I recently received official notification from Jessica Myers that she will be stepping down from her position as Member-at-Large. At our recent Plainfield meeting I recalled that when I started as a member of the Section, Jessica was head of Local History there. During my whole career she has been an active asset to the History and Preservation Section, generously sharing ideas, connections, and experience. I am sure she will continue to do so even as she steps back from a named position. Thank you, Jessica!

I look forward to completing my turn through leadership as Past President, and for seeing the new ideas and insights that new and established members bring to the table as we continue to find our way through challenging times. I hope to see a lot of you in Atlantic City!

John Beekman, Jersey City Public Library, H&P President

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## **NJLA HISTORY AND PRESERVATION SECTION MEETING APRIL 2024 AT PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Section had a meeting in April 2024 at the Plainfield Public Library.

After the meeting, section members took a special behind-the-scenes-tour of the Archives.



# HISTORY & PRESERVATION SECTION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Submitted by Juber Ayala, Section Vice President



## History & Preservation Section 2024 Conference Schedule



Thursday, May 30th

- 12:00 PM – History & Preservation Section Meeting (Sea Isle Board Room)
- 3:40 PM – A Backward Approach: The New Jersey State Archives’ Electronic Records Program
- 3:40 PM – Let’s Talk Zines: Break the barrier of having zines in your library (cosponsored with Young Adult Services)
- 4:40 PM – It’s Time to Get GLAMed: Cataloging & Description at Galleries, Libraries, Archives, & Museums (cosponsored with Tech Services)



Friday, May 31st

- 9:00 AM – The Revolution is coming to your Library in 2026!
- 9:00 AM – Solo Archivists and Interns: Tackling Archival Backlogs
- 11:00 AM – Poster Session: Diversifying History with “Demanding Justice in New Jersey” Podcasts
- 2:10 PM – Digging for Treasure in the NJLA Archive (cosponsored with the Archives and History Committee)



Both Days

Zine Zone Creative Space

(cosponsored with Diversity & Outreach; Young Adult Services)

H&P Information Table

in the Exhibit Hall



# HISTORY & PRESERVATION SECTION SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOR 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Submitted by Juber Ayala, Section Vice President

## **Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, 2024**

- Zine Zone Creative Space
  - Laura M. Poll, Kathy Mulholland, Cristen Orbanus and Jenna Ingham
    - Exhibit Hall, all day

**Co-sponsor:** Diversity and Outreach, Young Adult Services

Conferences can be overwhelming - come have a creative break with us and decompress! Hang out for a while in a totally non-committal space to learn what zines are, read a few, make a page for the Collaborative Conference Zine, and get ideas on how to incorporate zines and zine-making into your own library programming. Plus, enter to win a free basket of zines! Crafty supplies and fun things will re-energize you for the next session.

- Information Table
  - Exhibit Hall, all day

The History & Preservation Section will host an information table during the NJLA Conference.

## **Thursday, May 30, 2024**

- A Backward Approach: The New Jersey State Archives' Electronic Records Program
  - Tara Maharjan and Danielle Marchetti
    - 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm

After 30 years of advocating for an Electronic Records Program, New Jersey State Archives finally succeeded in creating the program in 2022. Electronic Records Archivists Tara Maharjan and Danielle Marchetti will discuss the backwards approach taken during the program's creation, its current state, and their vision for its future. Attendees will gain insight into the challenges and successes of implementing an Electronic Records Program, as well as the archivists' plans for expansion and improvement.

As more libraries and archives need to consider how to archive their electronic records for future generations, there are lessons from the State Archives that can be learned.

- Let's Talk Zines - Break the barrier of having zines in your library
  - Laura M. Poll, Kathy Mulholland, Cristen Orbanus and Jenna Ingham
    - 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm

**Co-sponsor:** Young Adult Services

Zines are the easiest way towards inclusive collaboration between your library and your patrons. Join our discussion about breaking barriers that might stop you from including zines and zine making in your library programming. We'll talk about what zines are, why they help with mental health, how easy they are to create

and share, and ways to offer them alongside other forms of standard library publications. Bring your curiosity and questions for this round-table.

- It's Time to Get GLAMed: Cataloging and Description at Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums
  - Katrina Zwaaf, Natasha Zaleski, Heidi Warbasse and Juber Ayala
    - 4:40 pm - 5:30 pm

**Co-sponsor:** Tech Services

What do GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) institutions have in common? They all have items and collections that need to be described. However, different approaches can be taken depending on what kind of organization where work is being done. Join us for a session where you can learn about how items can be cataloged and described in different contexts.

### **Friday, May 31, 2024**

- The Revolution is coming to your Library in 2026!
  - Sara Cureton, Marc Lorenc, Andrew Dauphinee, and John Beekman
    - 9:00 am - 9:50 am

The 250th commemoration of the founding of the United States of America is coming in 2026 and libraries will be key participants. This session will prepare librarians to meet this historic moment by providing an overview of the RevolutionNJ Handbook and key themes, current available programming (including a new grade 5-12 program titled History Happened Here and a Traveling Exhibition), and suggestions on how to develop local programming that will engage patrons.

- Solo Archivists and Interns: Tackling Archival Backlogs
  - Juber Ayala, Yesenia López and Vanessa Castaldo
    - 9:00 am - 9:50 am

How does basic processing get completed in your archives? Archival backlogs can be a challenge for archivists and oftentimes this work is aided by interns, volunteers and new professionals seeking experience in the field. Learn how archivists Yesenia Lopez, Juber Ayala and Vanessa Castaldo apply for internship programs, train archival interns, and expose young leaders to a different profession. They will also share examples of projects worked on by the interns that facilitate the work of solo archivists.

- Digging for Treasure in the NJLA Archive
  - Frederic Pachman, Laura M. Poll and Teresa Ana Bayles
    - 2:10 pm - 3:00 pm

**Co-sponsor:** Archives & History Committee

Break the barriers of getting into NJLA's history and learn about the committee established to arrange for the retention and preservation of NJLA's 130 years' worth of information. The program will include the status of the archive's current physical location, evaluation of its contents, and plans for continued collection of materials. A selection of items that highlight NJLA's significance will be shared, and suggestions on how to collaborate on its future preservation will be discussed.

## ZINE ZONE

Submitted By Laura Poll, Archivist, Trentoniana Department

Trenton Free Public Library

Back by popular demand for the NJLA conference the “Zine Zone” returns to the Exhibit Hall all day on Thursday and Friday, May 30-31. Come take a breather, make a page for the conference’s collaborative zine, and get ideas about how to incorporate zines into your own collection.

If you want to learn more, come to our round-table session on Thursday 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm “Let’s Talk Zines” where we’ll discuss ways to include zines and zine-making in library programming, how they benefit archives by documenting collective memory, why they help with mental health, how easy they are to create and share, and give suggestions about offering them alongside other forms of standard publications. Bring your curiosity and questions!

Wait, what's a zine, you ask? Pronounced "zeeen", they are small print runs, self-published by creators motivated to share knowledge, experiences, and opinions on a variety of topics. Public libraries are very appropriate places for them since these audiences are more diverse and represent the surrounding community, creating a personal connection between patrons and the library. What a society writes, publishes, and reads is a guide to its culture, and the holdings of a library (and archives!) is a record of that culture. Offering zines is an ideal opportunity to share history as experienced by its living participants.

Two baskets of zines will be raffled off for two winners to start or supplement a collection at their library. Follow us @njla.zine.zone on Instagram. Co-sponsored by the History & Preservation, Young Adult Services, and Diversity & Outreach sections.

## 2024 SUSAN SWARTZBURG AWARD WINNER: LAURA POLL

By Gary D. Saretzky and Beth Zak-Cohen



**Laura Poll, Winner of the 2024 Susan Swartzburg Award**

Image Courtesy of Laura Poll

Every year NJLA H&P gives out the Swartzburg Award which honors a librarian who has demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in the area of preservation of library materials, archives and the book arts. This award is named in honor of Susan Swartzburg whose influence in these fields touched many lives.

We are excited to announce the winner of this year's Swartzburg Award is Laura Poll, of Trenton Free Public Library! Laura's long career in archives made her an ideal candidate for this year's honoree!

Laura served in several archival positions at the Monmouth County Historical Association from 2002-2015. Among her accomplishments there was processing the Pach Brothers Studio Photograph Collection, the largest collection of glass plate negatives from a single studio in the State of New Jersey. Laura was always very professional and competent in providing reference services, while continuing to process collections to enhance their longevity.

Laura became Archivist at the Trentoniana Local History Department at the Trenton Free Public Library in 2015. She organized the collection, recruited volunteers, and worked tirelessly to preserve this important local history collection, hosting exhibits, programs and events to showcase its contents.

Laura has also been extremely active in helping others in the field. She served as a CAPES consultant and has spoken at Rutgers SCI, as well as numerous conferences and events. She often works with students from TCNJ, Princeton and institutions throughout NJ. She also has met with firehouse representatives, helping them to preserve fire department history here in the state.

For us here in NJLA H&P, Laura has been an active, helpful, and productive member. She has served as Member-at-Large in 2014-2015 and MARAC NJ Caucus Chair from 2014-2018. She has helped to plan many conference sessions including a great zine session at last year's conference. She has also spoken at the conference, and welcomed our group into her library for a tour. We thank Laura for all she's done for the Section!

Congratulations Laura! We look forward to seeing you receive the award at the Conference.

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## Archives & History Committee

### Annual Report 2022-2023

Submitted By Frederic C. Pachman, AHIP

Chair, Archives & History Committee

Following approval of the NJLA Executive Board, the Taskforce on Records Retention & Archives was convened in 2021 to make recommendations regarding the archival collections of the Association. This led to the re-establishment of the Archives & History Committee by the Executive Board in March 2022, as a standing subcommittee of the Membership Committee. There has been a New Jersey Library Association since December 1890 when thirty-five charter members met in Trenton and started our Association, and various individuals have worked to collect, organize and promote our history.

When the NJLA office moved to Bordentown in 2020, ten filing cabinets were moved to the New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center, under a memorandum of understanding with the State Librarian. The Committee researched this agreement and produced a copy for the Executive Board. As this memorandum expired in October 2023, the Committee has asked the Executive Board to work with the new State Librarian to extend this agreement for three years.

The Committee has reviewed the Record Retention Policy approved by the Executive Board in February 2017 and is drafting 'guidelines' that Sections and Committees can use to designate what kinds and formats of records should be submitted annually to NJLA for collection in the Archives.

As a 40+ year member of NJLA, the Chair collected documents and photographs that delineate the history of our Association and has prepared a bibliography as a reference guide. The Committee will be working with the NJLA office as our new Association website is developed, and we hope to include a section that will give access to these treasures that tell the story of our history. One 'treasure' that will be featured is the *Memoirs of Past Presidents of NJLA 1890 – 1990*, featuring vignettes from more than thirty (30) New Jersey librarians published during our Centennial.

As part of the Dag Bulman Bequest, the NJLA Executive Board has approved the expenditure of \$80,000 'to provide access to funding committed to organizing and preserving NJLA's print archives and its history'. The committee is planning how to proceed with a multi-year expenditure to begin the processing, organization, and preservation of the Association's Archives that document our 130+ year history.

The New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference collaborates with the New Jersey Historical Commission to sponsor the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service. Since 1989, more than 550 organizations and associations in New Jersey have availed themselves of this grant funded evaluation of their New Jersey history-related collections. The first survey at NJLA was conducted by Elsalyn Palmisano and Frederic Pachman in 1996 at the Lafayette Street headquarters in Trenton. In October 2022, Gary Saretzky surveyed our Archives housed at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center in Trenton. This resulted in an

impressive report detailing the condition of the collections and an extensive list of recommendations that will serve as a guide for the Committee.

The 2023 conference featured a Joint program by the Committee and the History & Preservation Section, "Mining The Archives: Preserving NJLA's History". After an introduction by Fred Pachman, Laura Poll of the Trentoniana collection at the Trenton Public Library discussed bulletins, newsletters and committee reports stored in the collection. Beth Zak-Cohen of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center at the Newark Public Library reviewed documents in that collection along with a photographic roster of library directors who served as NJLA presidents. Gary Saretzky closed the program with a review of the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Survey report on the NJLA Archives stored at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center.

An information tri-fold brochure was designed and printed by Beth Zak-Cohen and Fred Pachman to promote the Committee to membership and the offices of our Association's Committees and Sections.

With great appreciation for their participation and work, I wish to thank the members of the Committee: Elsalyn Palmisano, Beth Zak-Cohen, Jessica Trujillo, Kate Jagers, Laura Poll, Richard Kearney, Sarah Hull, Teresa Bayles, and Dave Williams.

Frederic C. Pachman, AHIP

Chair, Archives & History Committee , June 2023

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## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ROGER MCDONOUGH AWARD**

By Gary D. Saretzky

This award is named for Roger H. McDonough, New Jersey State Librarian from 1947 to 1975. Beginning in 2002, the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, together with the New Jersey Historical Commission, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference-New Jersey Caucus, and the New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section, has given an award to a librarian, archivist, or manuscript curator for excellence in service to the New Jersey history research community and/or the general public.

Nominees for the award should meet the following criteria:

1. Served for ten years or more as a librarian, archivist, or manuscripts curator in a New Jersey institution. The nominee could be active or retired from service.
2. Demonstrated a high level of public service to the New Jersey Studies research community and/or general public.

A nomination form with additional information is available at this link:

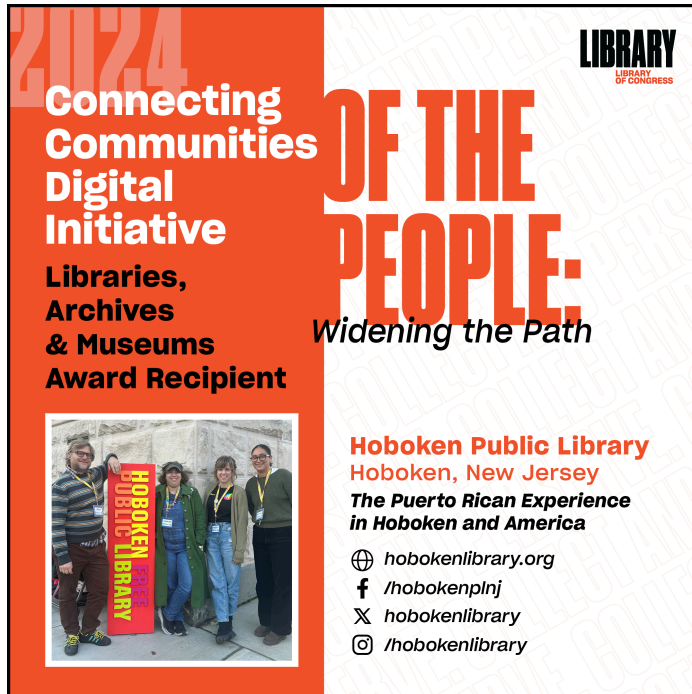
<https://sites.google.com/site/njstudiesacademicalliance/awards/roger-mcdonough-librarianship-award/librarianship-award-criteria>

Deadline for nominations is August 1, 2024. The award will be presented in the Fall at a place and time to be determined. Please feel free to forward this information to interested colleagues.

Gary Saretzky, Chair, McDonough Award Committee

# THE PUERTO RICAN EXPERIENCE IN HOBOKEN AND AMERICA

Submitted By James Cox, Special Collections Manager, Hoboken Public Library



Hoboken Public Library is the recipient of the Connecting Communities Digital Initiative Award from the Library of Congress. The deliverables for the project are an online timeline and repository.

"The Puerto Rican Experience in Hoboken and America" is an in-depth examination of the Puerto Rican experience in America, with Hoboken as a paradigm. Hoboken is a city of immigrants and migrants and has been in a constant flux since the mid-19th century to the present. Hoboken is a gentrified city presently, but it was not always so. The City provided a foot-hold in America for an ever changing cast of migrant groups. During the 1960s the majority-minority population landing on the shores of the Hudson River were of Puerto Rican extraction. These newly arriving immigrants came into conflict with the more readily established residents of Italian and Irish heritage who arrived during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. During the late-1970s and early-1980s, Puerto Rican residents were often displaced as the city transformed from an industrial city into a bedroom community for Manhattan workers. Today Hoboken is very affluent, but Puerto Rican residents (and former residents) have largely not benefited from this wealth. The outcome of this project will explore the lived experiences of our Puerto Rican neighbors.

Questions? Contact James Cox via email at [james.cox@hobokenlibrary.org](mailto:james.cox@hobokenlibrary.org) or by phone at 201-710-6830.

# **UPDATE FROM THE NEW JERSEY ROOM, JERSEY CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Submitted By John Beekman, Chief Librarian, Gardner Main Library,

Jersey City Free Public Library

We are very excited to announce that we are part of a grant awarded to the Community Webs program of the Internet Archive by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Along with Athens-Clarke County Library, Belen Public Library, District of Columbia Public Library, Evanston History Center, San Francisco Public Library, and William B. Harlan Memorial Library, materials from our collection will be scanned by and uploaded to the Internet Archive, with the goal of making documentation of diverse communities more accessible and searchable.

Our contributions will include:

318 bound volumes of Municipal Records, 1853-1970

Printed minutes and financial reports of city government and select agencies for development and education including:

- City Government (under three types of structure) 1853-1970
- Public Works – Streets and Water Supply, 1861-1913
- Finance Board, 1871-1907
- Comptroller, 1865-1908 (w/gaps)
- Board of Education 1873-1970

These records document the history of the city across its “rise and fall” as a port city from the mid/late 19<sup>th</sup> century through the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The city closest to Ellis Island, Jersey City, has always been a city of immigrants, and the stories of how individuals navigated the city’s governance and economic structures can be uncovered through access to these records. The period also covers the emergence and dominance of the Irish political “machine” which developed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and was perfected in its execution by long serving Mayor Frank Hague. The functioning of the ethnicity-based political “machines” of the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is a valuable point of comparison and contrast to the ways other immigrant and minority groups experienced governance.

112 volumes of Board of Education scrapbooks, 1864-1948 (bulk/continuous 1897-1948). Clippings compiled by the Board of Education detail not only stories related to public education across the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but the broader social context in which the schools operated.

88 volumes of municipal scrapbooks covering key years of “urban crisis” and “decline” in conventional narrative, 1963-1970. The interstate highway system and container shipping had made the Jersey City port facilities obsolete, removing the economic base that had sustained the city for a century. The shifting demographics following a quarter century of “white flight” and in-migration of African Americans from the south and Puerto Ricans resulted in an urban population without the opportunities that had sustained immigrant communities of prior generations, coupled with the broader effects of structural racism and prejudice. The troubles faced by many American cities in the 1960s were thus magnified in Jersey City.

This material is in deep parts of our collection that I have long wished could be more accessible and usable. We are very excited to partner with libraries across the country in this project, and we appreciate the work of the Internet Archive and its Community Webs program to enhance the mission of library special collections in the online era.

## **FROM THE ARCHIVE AT NEW BRUNSWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Submitted By E. Kim Adams, New Brunswick Free Public Library

The three interns from the Rutgers Public History program are just finishing their semester in the NBFPL Archive. All three produced good work in the far too short semester they spent with us and were a pleasure to have. Zach Barkett, who some of you are getting to know, will be staying on to work on the digitization of the newest Hall Mills Murder haul of Mrs. Hall's lawyer's records. Her handwriting is horrible and raises another question about how to deal with handwritten documents that do not OCR.

Having just worked my way through the pile of her simpering scribbles to "Dear Tim", I know maybe 1 or 2 people in the universe who could possibly read the letters. Even I have trouble with them after years of training by corresponding with my grandmother. It seemed very unlikely that a student who may not have had cursive in elementary school and rarely has an opportunity to use a pen, could possibly transcribe them. It would take forever and certainly put a student off archives very thoroughly. Plus, due to the period of the records, there is much more handwritten material. Oh what to do?

If anyone has a good transcribing program, I would love to know about it. Meanwhile, while rummaging around I found one likely possibility, Transkribus, which actually can be trained to different hands and looks like a very good possibility. Has anyone else used it?


Last item on my spiel. Maxine Lurie has agreed to come speak at NBFPL as part of our NJ250 observance. Her book, [Taking Sides in Revolutionary New Jersey: Caught in the Crossfire](#), will be the centerpiece of her talk. The book is very interesting and I recommend it to anyone interested in NJ history, or just history. She will be coming October 25, 2025, (yes, 2025). The main part of our NJ250 observance will be September to December 2025, with additional monthly activities for 2026. Oh yes, and an exhibit too.

That's all folks! Happy summer. Kim

## EVENTS

### ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Atlantic City Free Public Library



**AC  
RESEARCH CLUB**

**A CLUB FOR HISTORY BUFFS IN ATLANTIC CITY AND BEYOND!**

TOPICS INCLUDE:  
Genealogy, exploring the library archives, AC history and more.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES & TIME:  
Fridays from 2-4 p.m.  
May 17, June 14, July 19, 2024

LOCATION:  
Atlantic City Library, AC Heritage Research Room

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**  
Email [jmorillo@acfpl.org](mailto:jmorillo@acfpl.org), call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3066,  
or sign up online (visit the Programs page at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org))

# History Hunts: Look, Locate, and Win

▶ **WHEN:**  
2-4 p.m.  
June 26th, July 10th and 24th,  
and Aug. 9th. Open to adults.

▶ **WHERE:**  
The Atlantic City Experience  
at Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall  
(Free parking available at Boardwalk  
Hall for the hunts.)



▶ **RULES AND  
INFORMATION**  
Scan the QR code  
to learn more.



▶ **WIN VISA GIFT CARDS!**  
Answer questions based on the exhibits  
at The Atlantic City Experience.  
Winners announced one day hunt:

- **First place:** \$75 Visa gift card and a journal
- **Second place:** \$50 Visa gift card and the book "Chicken Bone Beach (Images of America)"
- **Third place:** \$25 Visa gift card and history bookmarks.

▶ **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Visit the Main Library Help Desk,  
email [jmorillo@acfpl.org](mailto:jmorillo@acfpl.org), call  
(609) 345-2269, ext. 3066, or fill  
out an online registration form.  
(Scan QR code for online form).



The Atlantic City Experience is presented by  
the Atlantic City Free Public Library.  
[atlanticcityexperience.org](http://atlanticcityexperience.org) ■ [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org)

AC History Fun Fact(s) are posted EVERY Tuesday and Friday on Facebook and Instagram

Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/acheritagecollectionsarchive>)

Instagram: (<https://www.instagram.com/acheritagecollections/>).

AC History Fun Fact(s) is a history fact about Atlantic City exploring our people, institutions, and neighborhoods.

# NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Beth Zak-Cohen, Newark Public Library

The James Brown African American Room at the Newark Public Library Presents:

## Remembering Club Zanzibar

Friday, June 14, 2024

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Panel Discussion

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM: After Party

*A NIGHT TO REMEMBER*  
**CLUB ZANZIBAR**

**FRIDAY**  
**6.14.24**

**FOOD  
MUSIC  
DANCING!**

Sets by Zanzibar DJs  
**DENNIS GREGORY**  
**TONY HUMPHRIES**  
**HIPPIE TORRALES**

**DWILD MUSIC RADIO**  
WWW.DWILDMUSICRADIO.COM

**NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
JAMES BROWN AFRICAN AMERICAN ROOM, 2ND FL.  
5 WASHINGTON ST. NEWARK, NJ 07102

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS EVENT CONTACT (973) 733-5411

THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
WWW.NPL.ORG/ZANZIBAR

**3pm-5pm:** Reminisce with a panel of Zanzibar legends as they share their stories about the iconic club. Led by Jamara Wakefield, panelists include Vincent Bryant, Miles Berger, Hippiie Torrales, Gerald T, Tony Humphries, and Billy Prest

**5pm-10pm:** Stay for the after party outside in the library courtyard!

For more information: <https://www.npl.org/zanzibar/>



# OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Colleen Goode, Ocean County Library System

## ***Getting Started with Ancestry***

May 25th, 2024, 10:00 am, Toms River Branch

Dive into Ancestry Library Edition and learn tips and tricks for locating your family members. This class will cover basic versus advanced searching, search tactics, limiting your search, accessing media galleries, locating documents, and more. No prior experience using Ancestry is required. Patrons who are interested in further genealogy help may schedule a Librarian by Appointment session with the Local History Librarian after attending this program. Registration is required.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10587065>

## ***Documentary Film Screening: Oh, Johnny!***

June 3, 2024, 7:00 pm, Point Pleasant Beach Branch

Point Pleasant Beach producer and director, Lawrence Schwartz, will premier his documentary film about Brick Township resident John Santillo, a World War II and D-Day survivor.

This film follows two narratives: John's life as a soldier during the 1940s and his 2019 D-Day Anniversary trip to France. Through the interweaving of these two stories, the film contrasts John's time as a young man drafted into the Army with his view on the war now as a 97-year-old veteran residing in Brick Township, NJ. While he faces haunting memories from his past, John comes to grips with how deeply the war affected him.

Director and producer, Lawrence Schwartz, will offer a Q&A after the film screening. Lawrence is a retired television producer (NBC News), print journalist (New York Post), and educator (Rutgers University, New York City public schools). He is passionately committed to perpetuating the legacy of our World War II veterans. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for World War II Studies at Brookdale College in New Jersey and is a Charter Member of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans. He lives in Point Pleasant Beach.

More information about the film can be found here: <https://ohjohnnymovie.com/>

Please register for this event:

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10484269>

## ***The 80th Anniversary of D-Day & Ocean County Hero Bud Lomell***

June 3, 2024, 6:30 pm, Toms River Branch

Come learn about D-Day and how the actions of Ocean County's own local hero Bud Lomell played a pivotal role in its success. Toms River Historian Mark Mutter will present on the events leading up to this turning point in World War II and what role Len "Bud" Lomell played to help bring about its success.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10663021>

**D-Day: The Price of Freedom**

June 10, 2024, 7:00 pm, Manchester Branch

Join us for a film screening in honor of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. In this documentary, five D-Day veterans return to Normandy and re-visit the locations they landed on June 6, 1944, sharing their own very personal stories of war. The film received New England region Emmy awards for writing and photography (52 minutes, NR).

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10481810>

**Blueberries - New Jersey's Wonder Fruit**

June 19, 2:00 pm, Upper Shores Branch

Today the blueberry is touted as a wonder fruit with a host of healthful benefits. Learn the history, health benefits and a variety of ways to prepare and savor these berries.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10481474>

**Saving Your Family Photos**

June 22, 2024, 10:00 am, Toms River Branch

Learn how to identify, preserve, and interpret the old photographs in your personal collection. This is a quick-paced, introductory workshop that incorporates authentic examples of 19th and 20th century images.

Lindsey Smith is a museum consultant and public speaker with over twenty years of experience helping individuals and organizations understand how to organize and care for their heirlooms and collectibles.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10583530>

**John and Abigail Adams: An American Love Story**

June 29, 2024, 11:00 am, Barnegat Branch

Join us for a very special opportunity to learn about the incredible lives of John and Abigail Adams, portrayed by historical actors Peyton Dixon and Kim Hanley from the American Historical Theatre. This program is sponsored by the Ocean County Library Foundation.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10546171>

### **Famous and Forgotten Ships & Shipwrecks of the Jersey Shore**

July 9, 2024, 6:30 pm, Toms River Branch

Join Dr. Richard Veit, Ph.D., as he examines the history of New Jersey ships and shipwrecks and how they reflect the importance of maritime transportation in the history of the state.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10483232>

### **A History of Old Methodist Cemetery**

July 20, 2024, 2:00 pm, Toms River Branch

Join R. Joseph Latshaw to learn about the historic Old Methodist Cemetery, located in downtown Toms River. This program will cover a brief history of early 19th century Toms River and the emergence of Methodism. Latshaw will discuss the meaning behind some of the symbols you see on the gravestones, the identity of veterans who are buried there, preservation efforts, and much more. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10632003>

### **Combatting Hate: A Conversation with Holocaust Survivors Mona Ginsberg, Albert Hepner and Gela Buchbinder**

July 23, 2024, 6:30 pm, Toms River Branch

Join us for the third program in our “Combatting Hate” series. The Ocean County Library is honored to have three Holocaust survivors share their experiences during World War II. Mona Ginsberg and Albert Hepner, originally from Belgium, were both hidden as children during the war. Gela Buchbinder, originally from Poland, was a teenager when the war broke out. She was forced to live in a concentration camp and work in a linen factory. Come hear their stories. Registration is required.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10485325>

### **The Iconic Jersey Shore with Cathleen Engelsen**

July 30, 2024, 7:00 pm, Long Beach Island Branch

Travel with historical artist, Cathleen Engelsen, along the iconic Jersey Shore. She will share her stories of her favorite spots. Let her entertain and inspire you with her original paintings, commissions, and vintage photographs. Please register.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.libnet.info/event/10484529>

# PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Sarah Hull, Plainfield Public Library

## **Introduction to African American Genealogy with Janice Cross-Gilyard**

Saturday, June 1, 2024

10:30 am via Zoom

Learn about the research tools and techniques to get started in African American genealogy research, and how to keep going!

*Janice Cross-Gilyard is a Charter Member of The Harriet Tubman Chapter of Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage, and a past president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) – New Jersey.*

## **Author Talk & Book Signing with historian, Robert M. Dunkerly**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

5:30 pm in the Anne Louise Davis Room

Dunkerly will discuss his book, *Unhappy Catastrophes: The American Revolution in Central New Jersey, 1776-1782*, which follows the course of the war through its various phases and details lesser-known battles, military campsites, raids, espionage, and more.

*Robert M. (Bert) Dunkerly is a historian, award-winning author, and speaker who is actively involved in historic preservation and research. He works as a park ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park.*

## **In the Spirit of Juneteenth: Aluta Continua -- The Struggle Continues**

Saturday, June 29, 2024

12 pm in the Anne Louise Davis Room

This is a panel program and discussion with Rutgers professor, Dr. Tawanda Hubbard from NJ Black Social Workers, Dr. Monique Swift from the NJ Association of Black Psychologists, and Lawrence Hamm, author, activist, and Senatorial candidate.

*Moderator, Bill Davis is an author and educator. He is the founding Assistant Director of the Office for African American Student Services at New York University, and an adjunct faculty and instructor at Rutgers University.*

# PRINCETON PRESERVATION GROUP

Submitted by Gary Saretzky, Princeton Preservation Group



**Lynne Calamia, Ph.D.,  
Executive Director, Roebing Museum**

## **About the Speaker**

Lynne Calamia is a leader in the field of Public History with more than a decade of broad, hands-on experience. She is committed to building strong, sustainable organizations and uses her expertise in non-profit strategy and management to bring creative solutions to small museums and historic sites. As Executive Director of Roebing Museum, Dr. Calamia, who earned MA and PhD degrees from Penn State University, has built a strong coalition of staff, board members, volunteers from the community, and donors. She has introduced innovative, mission-driven strategies to prepare the Roebing Museum to step up to the next level of organizational development.

Princeton Preservation Group Presents:

**Company Town Collecting: Community-driven project to document lives of industrial workers in Roebing, New Jersey**

Speaker: Lynne Calamia, Ph.D., Executive Director, Roebing Museum

June 13, 2024, 7 pm via Zoom

Registration: [https://monmouth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rcuqtrzwHNLcpHzJ\\_Kg9ZVzgfUwa0CM1](https://monmouth.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rcuqtrzwHNLcpHzJ_Kg9ZVzgfUwa0CM1)

Roebing Museum tells the story of industrial workers in a company town built by the Roebing company, most famous for building iconic suspension bridges such as the Brooklyn Bridge. It is embarking on a new project to turn a working-class row house into an immersive experience to allow visitors to more fully understand industrial life in the 1930s–1940s. Executive Director Lynne Calamia will share about recent successes in engaging the local community and descendant families to gather new artifacts and stories, shedding light on what it was like to live in the shadow of a steel and wire rope mill. Join us to learn about low-cost and creative ways to preserve local history through community collaboration.

# SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Ken Kaufman, Somerset County Library System

## **Horseshoe Island: A New Island for Birds Along the New Jersey Coast. Presented by Todd Pover**

Wednesday, June 12th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Program - please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10391587>

In New Jersey where undisturbed habitat for wildlife is rare, a new coastal island has formed that provides a haven for nesting and migratory shorebirds. Learn the story of the formation of the island, how various bird species have used it, and what is being done to protect them.

## **Local Author Talk: An Evening with Mally Becker**

Thursday, June 20th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Warren Township branch

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10491219>

Connect with local author Mally Becker, an Agatha Award-nominated writer, for a discussion about her Revolutionary War Mystery series. Mally will discuss the surprising things she learned about our country's beginnings, from the New Jersey crime of traveling into NYC without government approval to the mysterious attempt to bribe Benjamin Franklin into helping the British.

## **The History of Pirates in New Jersey. Presented by Fred Eckert**

Saturday, June 29th , 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bridgewater branch <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10368830>

Wednesday, July 24th, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Montgomery branch <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10368605>

Pirates have a place in the history of New Jersey, and they left behind some important souvenirs in and around the state. Discover some of the famous pirates who frequented the Jersey coast including Captain William Kidd and Blackbeard, and learn how they lived.

## **The History of US Presidential Elections and New Jersey. Presented by Brian Armstrong**

Wednesday, August 21st, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Program - please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10125419>

A look at the history of US Presidential elections and how New Jersey voted in them. All significant elections since the founding of the country will be discussed, but with emphasis on the most recent elections. Profiles of New Jersey candidates will be provided including George McClellan (1864), Garret Hobart (1896), and Woodrow Wilson (1912).

**American Historical Theatre Presents: Woodrow Wilson and the Great War**

Saturday, August 24th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bridgewater branch

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10159745>

Neill Hartley portrays Woodrow Wilson in this captivating one–man show set in the turbulent days leading up to America’s involvement in World War I. Mr. Hartley is a professional actor who has performed with many local and regional theaters, as well as an educator at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. This presentation will entertain and educate audiences of all ages.

**“It’s a Wonderful Town”: New York City in the Movies. Presented by Brian Rose**

Monday, August 26th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Program - please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/10382893>

Dramatic architecture, diverse neighborhoods, universally recognized landmarks, and 8 million potential stories have made New York a featured aspect in more than 17,000 movies—including *Naked City*, *On the Town*, *West Side Story*, *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*, *Taxi Driver*, and *Do the Right Thing*. Illustrated with more than 50 clips, this presentation demonstrates the changing ways the city has been captured on film, and why it remains a star attraction today.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

25: Getting Started with Ancestry, 10 am (OCL - Toms River Branch)

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### H & P Activity at the NJLA Conference

Thursday, May 30, 2024

#### H & P Section Meeting

- 12 pm, Sea Isle Boardroom

Thursday, May 30, 2024

- A Backward Approach: The New Jersey State Archives' Electronic Records Program
  - Tara Maharjan and Danielle Marchetti
    - 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm
- Let's Talk Zines - Break the barrier of having zines in your library
  - Laura M. Poll, Kathy Mulholland, Cristen Orbanus and Jenna Ingham
    - 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm
- It's Time to Get GLAMed: Cataloging and Description at Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums
  - Katrina Zwaaf, Natasha Zaleski, Heidi Warbasse and Juber Ayala
    - 4:40 pm - 5:30 pm

Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, 2024

- Zine Zone Creative Space
  - Laura M. Poll, Kathy Mulholland, Cristen Orbanus and Jenna Ingham
    - Exhibit Hall, all day
- H & P Section Information Table
  - Exhibit Hall, all day

**(See next page for Friday schedule)**



## **Friday, May 31, 2024**

- The Revolution is coming to your Library in 2026!
  - Sara Cureton, Marc Lorenc, Andrew Dauphinee, and John Beekman
    - 9:00 am - 9:50 am
- Solo Archivists and Interns: Tackling Archival Backlogs
  - Juber Ayala, Yesenia López and Vanessa Castaldo
    - 9:00 am - 9:50 am
- Poster Session: Diversifying History with “Demanding Justice in New Jersey” Podcasts
  - 11:00 am
- Digging for Treasure in the NJLA Archive
  - Frederic Pachman, Laura M. Poll and Teresa Ana Bayles
    - 2:10 pm - 3:00 pm

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- 14: AC Research Club, 2:00 pm (Atlantic City Free Public Library, AC Heritage Research Room)
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