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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Thomas Ankner, Section President

I want to begin the President's Report this quarter by thanking the executive board and other section leadership over the past year.

Vice President Nancy Madacsi ushered us through an NJLA conference that was a great success for History & Preservation. Past President Carolyn Dorsey led the awards committee to an overwhelmingly popular choice of Chad Leinaweaver for the Susan G. Swartzburg Award. Ken Kaufman was as reliable and steady as ever as secretary, providing the section with incisive minutes of our meetings.

Sarah Hull ably led the section's continuing education effort this year, organizing three well-attended events that showcased the contributions and skills of History & Preservation librarians to NJLA and the greater library community. Colleen Goode wrangled the wide-ranging contributions of section members into an attractive, readable *Chronicle* each quarter. Danny Klein spearheaded our social media effort, posting interesting, thought-provoking items to our Facebook page.

Our four members-at-large--Annamarie Klose Hrubes, Richetta Wilson Lobban, Jessica Myers, and Gary Saretzky--all attended our regular business meetings and made noteworthy contributions to the section. Jessica organized a fascinating, lively authors' program at this year's NJLA conference. Gary acted as the section archivist and presented the Swartzburg award to Chad Leinaweaver. Annamarie was a presenter at NJLA, and co-hosted a tour for section members of the archival collections at William Paterson University's David and Lorraine Cheng Library.

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As I begin a second and final year as president, I look forward to working with a new executive board. I would like the coming year to be dedicated to expanding the reach of the History & Preservation section: bringing in new members, visiting new libraries, and expanding partnerships with groups such as MARAC and NJLA's College and University section.

I will be holding an "executive summit" with section leadership over the summer. Some of you should be getting an email about that soon. This will give the executive board a chance to plan for the year ahead.

The section's first regular business meeting of the fiscal year will be on October 17 at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. We will also have a meeting at the New Brunswick Public Library in January 2019, and a meeting in March at a library yet to be determined.

For those seeking continuing education opportunities, the History & Preservation section is organizing a half-day seminar on collection management. Scheduled for September 25 at the Plainfield Public Library, this program will feature three experienced archivists, sharing their knowledge of managing archival collections. Members of MARAC and the College & University section will be invited to this program.

We also look forward to next year's NJLA conference, in which we hope to partner with other sections in an effort to have more programs to offer to H&P members and others.

New Section Leadership:

President: Thomas Ankner, Newark Public Library

Vice President: Sarah Hull, Plainfield Public Library

Secretary: Kenneth Kaufman, Somerset County Library System

Past President: Nancy Madacsi, Sparta Historical Society/Sussex County Historical Society

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Sarah Kiefer, Ridgewood Public Library

Richetta Wilson Lobban, East Orange Public Library

Jessica Myers, Bloomfield Historical Society

Gary Saretzky, Monmouth County Archives

SUSAN G. SWARTZBURG AWARD

Submitted by Carolyn Dorsey, North Jersey History & Genealogy Center

The History and Preservation Section extends its congratulations to Morristown & Morris Township's Library Director **Chad Leinaweaver** on receiving the Section's annual Susan G. Swartzburg Award at the 2018 NJLA conference. Created in 2003, the Swartzburg Award recognizes a New Jersey Library Association member who, over a substantial number of years, has made exceptional contributions to an awareness, understanding, and/or preservation of archival and library materials in New Jersey. It honors the memory of the Rutgers Preservation Librarian whose leadership in New Jersey inspired and influenced many others in our profession.



Chad Leinaweaver and Gary Saretzky.

Chad received the award for his service as an officer in the NJLA History and Preservation Section, for his work with the CAPES archival consulting service and his efforts to promote preservation of library materials, local history, and related topics through many speaking events and published articles. Chad



Chad Leinaweaver with past Susan Swartzburg recipients Michele Stricker (2010); Elsaly Palmisano (2003); Gary Saretzky (2006); Frederic C. Pachman (2013).

has been and is still a key figure in numerous other efforts to enhance preservation of library materials and promote the knowledge and appreciation of New Jersey history, among them serving on the advisory boards for the Newark History Project, the New Jersey Digital Highway, and the New Jersey



Left to Right: James Lewis, NJH&GC Department Head, Chad Leinaweaver, Gary Saretzky, Nominator, Carolyn Dorsey, NJH&GC/H&P Past President.

Project of the Digital Public Library of America. His outstanding personal qualities have enabled him to become a widely respected librarian in New Jersey whose efforts to preserve our state's library heritage deserve recognition through the Susan Swartzburg Award. Congratulations, Chad!

H&P AT NJLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE HARRAH'S, ATLANTIC CITY

Submitted by Thomas Ankner, Section President and Jessica Myers, Member-at-Large

The History & Preservation Section held two great programs this year in an action-packed conference with a wide open theme: **"Speak Freely."**

Approximately 30 people attended the session entitled, *Raise Your Voices* on May 31 at 11:30 am. Dorothy Sue Cobble of Rutgers and Kathryn 'Kitsi' Watterson of the University of Pennsylvania presented historical pictures of prejudice and courage in America in past and present local history.

Kitsi Watterson spoke of her newest book *I Hear My People Singing: Voices of African American Princeton*, which features stories told by African American residents of Princeton, NJ, gathered in an oral history. The accounts describe racial divides in school, church, work, and University. In earlier days, Einstein and Robeson fought to break down some of those walls.

Cobble presented her book *Feminism Unfinished: The Short Surprising History of American Women's Movements* with images and stories of women's first steps towards gaining the right to vote, through those who spoke out against inequality, to the

recent worldwide movements against sexism and for women's rights as witnessed in global marches.

Digitization on a Dime was the second of two programs at this year's NJLA conference organized by the History & Preservation Section. It was held on June 1, and was attended by about 25 people.

Isaiah Beard of Rutgers University presented a primer on equipment, materials, and standards for libraries attempting an inexpensive digitization project. He included specific

recommendations for equipment and processes that could help libraries save money.

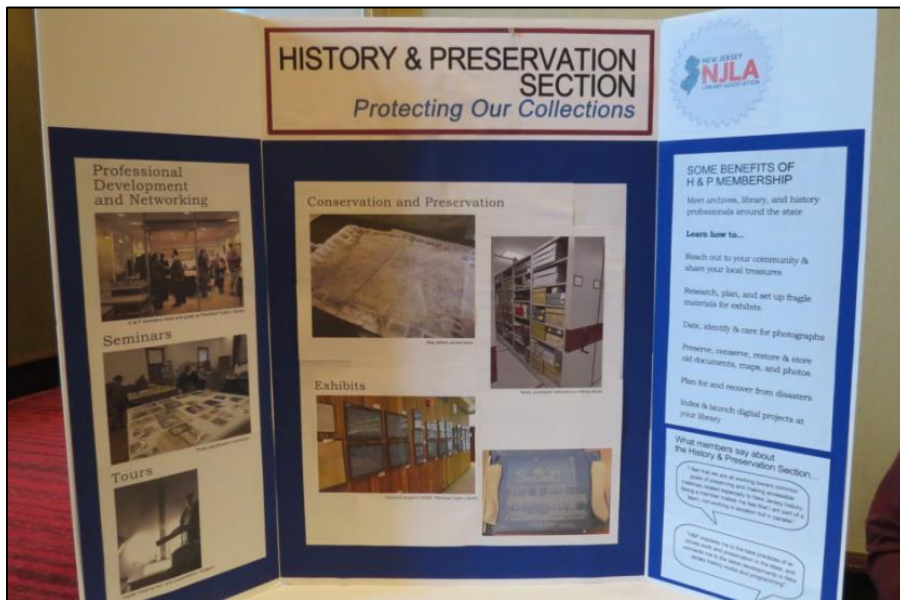
Annamarie Klose Hrubes of William Paterson University talked about her experience performing a very low-budget digitization project for the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy. Anna borrowed a camera and used her own scanner to digitize paper-based materials owned by the library. She then created metadata to allow the digitized files to be placed on the New Jersey Digital Highway.

The session was moderated by Thomas Ankner of the Newark Public Library.



Dorothy Sue Cobble (Center), coauthor of *Feminism Unfinished: The Short Surprising Story* and Kathryn "Kitsi" Watterson (right), author *I Hear My People Singing: Voices of African American Princeton*, raised their voices against sexism and racism with Jessica Myers of NJLA History & Preservation Section. Photo by: Frederic C. Pachman

Right: History & Preservation Section members Frederic Pachman (left) and Elsalyn Palmisano (right) presented a poster session at the NJLA Conference entitled “Development of an Archive at Monmouth Medical Center.” This poster tracks the history of the MMC Archive from a collection of boxes to a dedicated storage space; and relates how the historical materials have been used for public programming and to celebrate milestones in the medical center’s history. Photo by Frederic Pachman.



Bottom Right: Jeanne Sylvester (left), Kim Adams, (seated), interested conference attendee, and Carolyn Dorsey (far right).



2018 ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DAY: OCT. 13 AT MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

Submitted by Gary Saretzky, Archivist, Monmouth County Archives



The 23rd annual *Archives and History Day* will take place on Saturday, October 13 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan, NJ.

Archives and History Day will feature more than 60 exhibitors from across New Jersey showcasing their roles in preserving and promoting history, a History Forum with a panel of historians on the theme of buildings in Monmouth, and a history game with numerous prizes. The event is free to attend and open to the public. Some tables for history organizations are still available.

The morning plenary session will include greetings at 9:55 am from County Clerk Christine Hanlon and "President Ulysses S. Grant," as well as presentation of awards. The History Forum at 12:10 p.m. will be followed at 1:00 pm by Keynote Speaker Gail Hunton, Chief, Acquisition & Design Department,



Monmouth County Parks, on **"Open Spaces, Historic Places: The Story of Monmouth County in Our Parks."**

An optional tour of the Monmouth County Archives will be offered at 2:15 pm.

Other Archives Week events include two lectures on Wednesday, October 17: At 10 am, Kimberly Avagliano, Director, Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch, will present, **"Dog-eared and Dusty?: How to Organize and Care for Your Home Library,"** and at 1 pm, Kristen Norbut, Historic Preservation Specialist, Monmouth County Parks, will speak on **"...and all the improvements thereon': Reading Historic Alterations in the Frame Dwellings of Monmouth County."**

Attendees at the events will have the opportunity to view the annual exhibit prepared by the Monmouth County Archives, opening October 1, entitled, **"Buildings in Monmouth: Stories and Styles."**

A complete schedule of Archives and History Week events is posted to the recently redesigned Monmouth County Archives website <https://www.monmouthcountyclerk.com/archives/>

For additional information, contact the Monmouth County Archives at (732) 308 - 3771 x3772 or email Gary.Saretzky@co.monmouth.nj.us.

Left: Gail Hunton will give the keynote address on **"Open Spaces, Historic Places: The Story of Monmouth County in Our Parks."**

DIRECTORY OF DIGITIZED HISTORIC NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS LIBGUIDE AVAILABLE

Submitted by Deborah Mercer, New Jersey Collections Librarian,
New Jersey State Library

On April 18th Caryn Radick (Rutgers University) and Deborah Mercer (New Jersey State Library) presented a program on the *New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project* to NJLA History & Preservation members who gathered at the State Library. In the subsequent discussion several librarians expressed the desire for an easy way to find and keep track of all of the historic New Jersey newspapers that have been digitized by libraries and private vendors over the years.

Upon hearing of this request Caitlyn Cook and Heather Husted, both of the New Jersey State Library Information Center, took up the challenge and created a very handy [libguide](#) which lists all the digitized New Jersey newspapers that they have been able to find. You can see it here:

<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/digitized-newspapers>

The newspapers are arranged by county and there's also a "Titles Coming Soon" page where they will

list digitization projects that are in process so that libraries and vendors can avoid unintentional duplication of effort. They also offer a copy of the more detailed spreadsheet that the libguide is based upon and a map of newspaper locations for those not well-versed in New Jersey geography.

We are hoping members of the greater library community will reach out to share other digitization projects that we may have missed, so if you know of a digitized newspaper that's not on this list, or if you're about to embark upon a newspaper digitization project and would like it to be listed in the "Titles Coming Soon" page please email Caitlyn Cook at ccook@njstatelib.org.

Right: The April 15, 1912 edition of the Perth Amboy Evening News reports on the Titanic's collision with an iceberg



JERSEY CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW JERSEY ROOM UPDATE

By Danny Klein, Librarian

The Jersey City Free Public Library's New Jersey Room is open and assisting patrons interested in Hudson County and New Jersey history and genealogy. Renovations are nearly complete in our department, with new flooring, windows, furniture and compact shelving already installed and other upgrades, including the climate control system, yet to come. Further renovations continue in the Main Library, as the Reference and Federal Documents departments, roof and HVAC systems are updated in our 1901 building. As these upgrades continue, we strongly suggest that any patrons referred to us first check our website, www.jclibrary.org, before visiting.

An exhibit of the late [Jersey City Mayor and State Senator Glenn D. Cunningham's memorabilia](#) is on display on the Main Library's third floor and in the New Jersey Room. Cunningham, the first African-American mayor of Jersey City, was a historian in his own right and a frequent patron of the New Jersey Room as he researched the city's African-American

history. Cunningham served in the U.S. Marines, rose to the rank of Captain in the Jersey City Police Department, served as a Hudson County freeholder and was Jersey City municipal council president. He was appointed U.S. Marshal for New Jersey by President Bill Clinton in 1996. Cunningham suffered a heart attack and died in office in 2004. Collection items include photos and news clippings, Cunningham's presidential appointment and many other pieces of memorabilia, as well as his book collection and his rocking chair.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey (SMDNJ) recently made a donation to the New Jersey Room of a set of their genealogies, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* – aka the "Silver Books." Their donation also includes *Mayflower Families In Progress*, also known as the "Pink Books," and a collection of articles from their newsletter, bound as the *Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee*. We thank them for their donation.

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Thomas Ankner, Librarian

We have an exciting summer planned at The Newark Public Library. From Friday night dance parties to the Summer Reading Challenge to some interesting historical exhibits, we have a full array of events ahead.

For the second summer in a row, the Library is hosting popular **Friday night dance parties** in the recently reopened courtyard next to the Main Library building downtown. Two of the dances in June were fundraisers for local LGBTQ organizations--one of which attracted 400 people. Upcoming dances, free and open to all, will be held every Friday until Labor Day from 6-11 pm at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. Free parking is available in a garage one block from the Library.

Our annual **Summer Reading Challenge**, for children ages 3 to 18, will run this year from June 11 to August 4. Participants are encouraged to read 20 minutes per day. Incentives are provided for reading up to 1,000 minutes. Summer fun activities in conjunction with the challenge will be held at all of our branches until August 31.

We have **three historical exhibits** on display at the Main Library throughout the summer. On the first

floor is "**Becoming a Benedict's Man**," marking the 150th anniversary of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, a Catholic boy's school in Newark that has been profiled on *60 Minutes* and in the documentary *The Rule*. The exhibit will remain up until September.

The second floor gallery is home to "**Newark: A Pictorial History**," an exhibition of fine prints, postcards, and photographs of Newark from the 18th century through the present day from the collections of The Newark Public Library. This exhibit will also remain up until September.

On the third floor is "**Old School: Collections of the Newark Public Schools Historical Preservation Committee**," which we are proud to host. Founded by former Newark Public Schools Superintendent Marion Bolden, the NPS Historical Preservation Committee collects materials relating to the history of the state's largest school district. The exhibit, which will be up until the end of the year, features artifacts from the collection. Included are photographs, report cards, ledger books, a desk, sports memorabilia, and other items related to the Newark Public Schools.

NORTH JERSEY HISTORY & GENEALOGY CENTER UPDATES

Submitted by Carolyn Dorsey, Librarian, Morristown & Morris Township Library

The Henry W. Pilch Collection, ca. 1724-1986

The North Jersey History & Genealogy Center is pleased to announce that it has opened the **Henry W. Pilch Collection** to researchers. The papers contain extensive documentation of land usage within the state from the early 18th through the 20th centuries that Pilch collected in the course of his law practice. In addition to tracing property ownership throughout Morris County and Northern New Jersey, the records follow the family histories of numerous prominent and longtime residents.



Henry Pilch in firefighter uniform, 1931.
Photo courtesy Madison Fire Department

Henry's lifelong interest in history and genealogy resulted in countless hours conducting research in the Morristown & Morris Township Library's local history department, to which he donated his notes and legal papers in 1987; they consist of over 310,000 pages of family and town histories, along with a vast collection of maps, deeds, mortgages, and surveys.

The papers illustrate centuries of residential development, agricultural use, as well as the acquisition of land for public infrastructure needs.

The records are particularly valuable to genealogists, homeowners and businesses owners, and scholars of state and local history.



1823 Deed printed by Jacob Mann, Morristown

Archivist Jeffrey Moy began processing the collection in 2014 and completed its arrangement and description in May 2018. Related collections include hundreds of historic and hand-reproduced maps that Pilch had previously donated, along with a group of records from the Minton and Day law firm. The finding aid to the Henry W. Pilch Collection may be found [online](#) and the papers are available in the North Jersey History and Genealogy Center during normal Library hours.

Friends of Foote's Pond Wood Gallery Exhibition

This exhibit is a joint effort of the Friends of Foote's Pond Wood and the North Jersey History and Genealogy Center of the Morristown & Morris Township Library. The show will cover the history, ecology, recreational activities and wildlife of Foote's Pond Wood, located in Morristown on James Street. There will be beautiful photographs, maps, artwork and more illustrating these topics as well as informative captions and articles. A

reception for the event will be held on the [evening of June 27](#) in the F.M. Kirby Gallery.

the Morristown & Morris Township Library, 1 Miller Road, Morristown, NJ.

The exhibit will run from June 27 – September 31, located in the Kirby Gallery on the second floor at



290. Residence of R. D. Foote, Morristown, N.J.

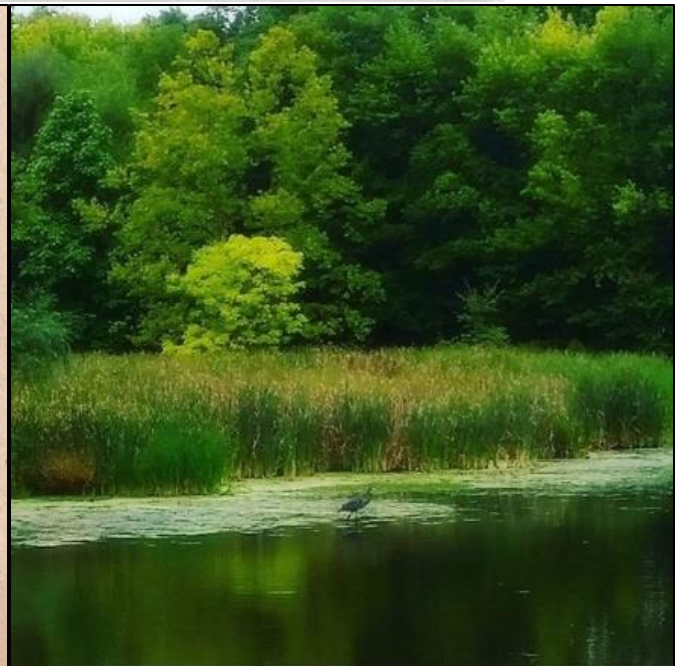
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The subscriber having leased the sheet of water known as the

John T. Foote's Pond,

I am enabled to supply those having Ice Houses, and who wish to have them filled, at as reasonable a rate as it is possible to do it. All those who are annually engaged in filling houses by contract, will find my prices as low as at any other place of selling Ice. The above-named sheet of water is perfectly pure, being free from cesspools or other drainage.

767-3w **DANIEL SWEENY.**



RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY HOSTS ARCHIVE OPEN HOUSE

Submitted by Jennifer Sulligan, Adjunct Librarian, Evelyn S. Field Library

Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) celebrated Preservation Week with an **Archive Open House** on Thursday, April 26th, in the Archive Room of the Evelyn S. Field Library. Activities for our visitors included a tour of the RVCC Archive, time to explore the Archive's offerings (yearbooks, photographs, and more), and a guided photo preservation lesson. Handouts included *Preservation Tips*, *A Brief History of RVCC*, and finding aids. Books about preservation and archival collections were available for checkout, and attendees were made aware of the new Archive LibGuide available via the library's website.



Marcia Bird, RVCC Cosmetology Program Coordinator and RVCC alumna, finds a photo of her friend in a yearbook held by the RVCC Archive during the open house.

The event was attended by faculty, staff, and students. It attracted individuals interested in the history of the college who will be very helpful in assisting with the college's upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations, including: **Living Archive**

Project, which will capture and preserve spoken word memories of students, faculty, and staff; a **photography exhibit**, featuring historical photos related to the college; and a **Photo ID Day**, an opportunity for participants to identify people and events captured in previously unidentified photographs in the Archive's collection.



Jennifer Sulligan, Adjunct Librarian, looks at the archive's collection of commencement ceremonies on compact disk, along with an instructor in the college's film program.

The Evelyn S. Field Library, located at 118 Lamington Road in Somerville, is the center for research and information at Raritan Valley Community College. The library faculty develops the collection in collaboration with classroom faculty to support the educational program. In selecting the materials, the library seeks to stimulate intellectual curiosity, provide diversity of thought and offer personal enrichment. The library also maintains a collection pertaining to the history of the college.

For more information regarding the Raritan Valley Community College's Archive or the open house, please contact Jennifer Sulligan at Jennifer.sulligan@raritanval.edu, or visit the links at <https://library.raritanval.edu/archive> and <https://raritanval.libcal.com/event/4110117>.

GETTING TO KNOW HISTORIC RED BANK... ONE FOOTSTEP AT A TIME

Submitted by Linda D. Hewitt, Circulation Supervisor/Outreach and Program
Coordinator, Red Bank Public Library

Red Bank has a rich history, including the Eisner family, who donated their family home to the town for use as the Library. In 2017, Red Bank celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the Eisner Memorial Library. As part of the year-long celebration, historic walking tours were planned, researched, and led by local resident, retired schoolteacher, history buff and Library volunteer, Kathy Lou Colmorgen.

Because the **Historic Red Bank Walking Tours** were such a big hit, the Library brought the tours back in Spring 2018. Beginning in April and continuing through June, people were once again invited to put on their walking shoes and visit notable sites around town. Along with the Eisner Memorial Library, the tour features the boat clubs along the

river, the old town hall, and the train station, among other historic spots.

Each tour is approximately an hour and a half long and Ms. Colmorgen is again leading the groups. After a break during the hot summer months, tours will resume in the fall. Our first fall tour is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, followed by a tour in both October and November. In fact, a local organization has requested a private tour for a 50th high school reunion in September!

Tours are weather permitting. Registration is highly recommended, as there is a 20-person maximum per tour. For those unable to participate, an **interactive map** of the Historic Red Bank Walking Tour is ready to view on the Library website at www.redbanklibrary.org.



Spring 2018 Historic Walking tour group with guide, volunteer Kathy Lou Colmorgen (end right)

WRITE IT DOWN

Submitted by Jessica Myers, Bloomfield Historical Society

Have you ever wanted to write a book to preserve a great story? Do you love to find answers, arrange information, study old photographs, or collect stories? Did you ever consider combining your interests and writing?

That is what we did and our search was wonderful. When Aunt Julie asked for help preserving our family history, I jumped at the chance with no idea how to do it. I flew to Texas with a spiral notebook, old photographs, and many questions.

I had some experience writing and collecting memories for a Memoir Writing group offered with Jane Thoner, librarian and genealogist at Plainfield Public Library. We found that suggesting a topic usually jogged memories and stories. Julie and I began with favorite holidays and unusual relatives.

Hearing family stories was spellbinding. That first trip I did not write it all down. I made notes as Julie spoke and often would lose my place or stop her with questions. That was a mistake.

Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com helped confirm dates, names, and history. I discovered endings to tantalizing comments such as: "there was something about a railroad doctor in a town that wasn't there..." or "mother told me that her grandfather was the first male librarian in Texas." Indeed one of Julie's great grandfathers was a surgeon for the Texas & Pacific Railroad in Abilene, the newest railroad town. Another was a Louisville librarian.

By the next trip we had to focus. What did we want to include? What was most important: stories or dates or family trees?

SHE MAINTAINED THAT, "DATES ARE NOT THAT IMPORTANT, BUT WHO THEY WERE, WHAT HAPPENED, THE STORIES HANDED DOWN, AND WHAT THEY CARED ABOUT... THAT IS WHAT WE WANT TO SAVE."

Julie found a 19th century scrapbook, a prayer book, pictures and letters. In the evenings, we sat surrounded by memorabilia, sorting, identifying pictures, and reading letters aloud. These reminded her of other things. I sat and typed on my laptop this time. She only let me record the songs. We broke every hour or so for iced tea or a walk by the river and reminisced more. We had a massive group of stories. We really enjoyed the process. We continued to meet over the next two years.

Then one day we decided to do it. I researched self-publishers and found one that could handle photographs and documents.

Organizing the collection to tell one story was a challenge. We tried arranging it by profession and came up with soldiers, brewers, shepherds, ministers, and lots of solid women. We settled on a family-by-family order.

At last, we wrote another draft. Julie removed private stories and ones that might hurt others' feelings. My husband edited our final draft pointing out confusing details. Then we had "facts" and a much shorter family history.

We did it all: found answers, studied old photos, built family trees, collected stories and arranged them. Our memories, her stories, and research brought us lots of pleasure. Try it. Just remember to write it down!

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND NEW JERSEY

Elizabeth Public Library



A Summer with Carnegie Series

The Elizabeth Public Library, in conjunction with the Union County Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, will be hosting programs and exhibits highlighting the history of Carnegie libraries in New Jersey throughout the summer.

A moderated panel discussion on the history of Carnegie Libraries in Union County was held on Wednesday, June 13. Panelists from five Union County Carnegie Libraries: Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Summit and Westfield discussed the history and current state of their respective buildings.

A Carnegie Library: The History of the Elizabeth Public Library exhibit

July 2 - 28, Main Library

Did you know there are two Carnegie Library buildings in Elizabeth? Learn about the history of these buildings; one building still functioning as a public library, the other a senior center. The Elizabeth Public Library will be exhibiting original

materials from the design, construction, and evolution of our Carnegie Libraries.

New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance Lecture: Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey

Thursday, August 9, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Main Library

Please join the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance and the Union County Cultural & Heritage Commission at the Elizabeth Public Library for a presentation by Eleonora Dubicki on "**Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey, 1900-1923.**" Elizabeth Public Library is one of only 20 Carnegie Libraries of the original 36 left in the state that still operates as a public library. Carnegie libraries constructed in the early 1900s through the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie played a significant role in transforming the library movement from subscription libraries for special interest groups to free public libraries with services accessible by all. Of the 1,412 communities in the United States to build Carnegie libraries, 29 communities in New Jersey benefited from this program. This presentation based on a research project draws primarily on original correspondence between New Jersey communities seeking library building funds and Andrew Carnegie. The letters

supporting funding applications create a unique demographic and economic snapshot of New Jersey communities during the early 1900s when the Carnegie libraries were erected in the state.

Eleonora Dubicki is a reference and instruction librarian at Monmouth University. She has published two books and more than a dozen articles

on topics in the field of library and information science. The primary focus of her research is on information literacy and information seeking behaviors. She holds an undergraduate degree in American Studies from Douglass College and a MLS and MBA from Rutgers University.

Ocean County Library

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

[Folktales & Lore From The Pinelands To The Shore](#)

Saturday, July 7, 2 pm, Long Beach Island Branch
Hear storyteller Michelle Wilson Washington tell local tales of the Jersey Shore. Make fresh squeezed lemonade with blueberries to celebrate these Jersey fresh tales. Family program.

[Island Beach: A Sonnet in the Sands](#)

Tuesday, July 24, 7 pm, Toms River Branch
Join Gordon Hesse, author of *Island Beach: a Sonnet in the Sands*, as he presents a program of the photographic splendor and history of Island Beach. Please register.

[Sights and Sounds of the Pinelands](#)

Tuesday, August 14, 10 am, Long Beach Island Branch
The sights and sounds of the Pinelands are brought to life by Joel Mott from the NJ Pinelands Commission. Young and old will enjoy this presentation on wildlife and animal sounds that are all around us here in the Pinelands.

[Jersey Shore Weather 101 with Weather NJ's Jonathan Carr](#)

Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 pm, Lacey Branch
Join us for an evening all about weather at the Jersey Shore! Learn about basic meteorology, what goes into weather forecasting at the Jersey Shore, and explore an overview of the largest, historical

storms that have hit our area. Presented by Jonathan Carr, weather enthusiast and founder of [Weather NJ](#).

On **August 18 from 10 am to 3 pm**, the **Toms River Branch** will host *Pinelands Day*, with a variety of activities for all ages:

- *Traditional Pinelands Craft: Make Your Own Basket* **10 & 11:30 am (register for one session)**
Make a traditional hanging garlic basket with Steven Carty of the Pinelands Folk Music Center.



- *Film: The Pine Barrens: Up Close and Natural*



- **[Author/Photographer Albert D. Horner](#) 1 pm**
Join New Jersey author and photographer Albert D. Horner for a discussion of his book *Pinelands: New Jersey's Suburban Wilderness*.
[Exhibit: Pinelands Photography of Albert D Horner](#) (McConnell Gallery)
- **[Pinelands Storytime 2](#) - 2:30 pm**
- **[Pinelands Children's Drop-in Craft](#) 2:30 – 3:30 pm**
Celebrate Pinelands Day and create a bird feeder using sunflower butter.
- **[The Last Whippoorwill Bluegrass Band](#) 3 pm**
Enjoy classic and traditional bluegrass music with this Pinelands [band](#) that plays as close as Albert Hall and as far away as Vermont.

Ridgewood Public Library

Submitted by Sarah Kiefer, Local History Librarian, Bolger Heritage Center

Be a Family Detective

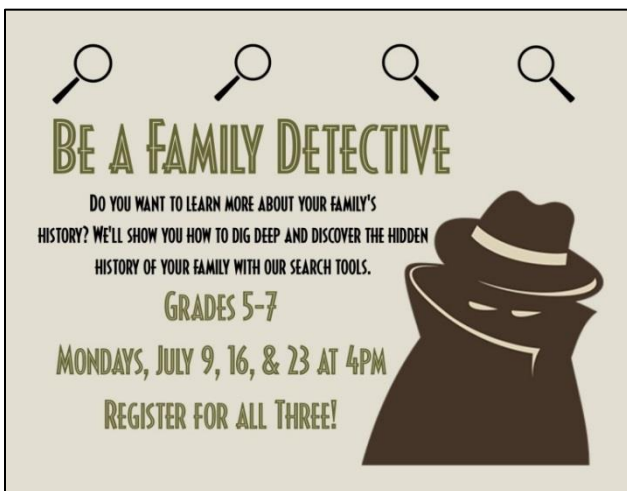
Mondays, July 9, 16 & 23rd

Do you want to learn more about your family's history? We'll show you how to dig deep and discover the hidden history of your family with our search tools. Registration required through the Ridgewood Public Library.

Storytellers Oral History Project

With funding from a 2016 grant through the Bergen County Historical & Cultural Affairs Department, we've launched an oral history project. Its mission: to capture Ridgewood stories to preserve our history for future generations. We're recording people's stories, making them available on our website and maintaining them in our local archive. We have 23 stories ready for listening and more on the way. Interested in being interviewed or becoming an interviewer? Please contact Local History Librarian Sarah Kiefer at HeritageCenter@ridgewoodlibrary.org or call 201-670-5600, ext. 135. Visit **Storytellers @RPL** on the Ridgewood Public Library website.

<https://www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/storytellers-rpl>



Somerset County Library System

Submitted by Ken Kaufman, New Jersey Librarian

[Meet the Author: Rick Geffken](#)

Tuesday, July 17, 7 – 8 pm, Bridgewater Branch

Rick Geffken's and George Severini's new book, *Lost Amusement Parks of the North Jersey Shore*, brings together rarely seen images from the Library of Congress, local historical societies, and private collections to document how the Jersey Shore became the most famous vacation and recreational destination in the coastal United States. The remarkable details in these pictures capture a simpler way of life in our country, when families took their children to boardwalks to savor candy apples, salt water taffy, hot dogs and hamburgers, popcorn, and, of course, the rides.

[Postcards from the Edge of Somerset County](#)

Wednesday, July 18, 7 - 8:30 pm, North Plainfield Branch

Mary Nelson, local history librarian at Bound Brook Memorial Library, will present a slideshow of historic postcards from the library's collection. The postcards feature places in Bound Brook and the neighboring vicinity and provide insight into how the town developed its businesses, transportation systems, institutions, and community organizations during the industrial era.

[Landscapes of New Jersey](#)

Wednesday, August 15, 7 - 8:30 pm, Warren Township Branch

Local photographer Dave Blinder will give an inside look at the images included in his comprehensive "Landscapes of New Jersey" exhibit on display at the library in August and September. He will present one nature photograph depicting each of New Jersey's 21 counties. Learn how, where, and why each image was captured, as well as the challenges of taking on a large statewide project.

[Lighthouses of New Jersey](#)

Tuesday, August 28, 7 – 8 pm, Bridgewater Branch

This program is presented by Cindy Mitzen of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. Learn the history, characteristics, and advancements of lighthouses, and the reasons we still need them.

[Learning New Jersey...One Building at a Time](#)

Monday, September 17, 7 – 8 pm, Bridgewater Branch

In the Garden State, ranging across 21 counties and five centuries, from pre-European settlement to post-industrial reinvention, from log cabins and lighthouses, to highways, diners, and tract houses, we are literally surrounded by unique and historically significant landscapes. In this session, while examining images of NJ buildings, participants will consider different aspects – aesthetics, cultural and economic perspectives, and values and meaning – to develop skills for reading everyday landscapes in order to better understand community and place and why they matter. Presenting is Dr. Gabrielle Esperdy, a historian whose work focuses on architecture, consumerism and modernism in the U.S. metropolitan landscape and how social, economic and political issues shape cities and suburbs. Her books include *Modernizing Main Street* and *American Autopia*, and she is contributor to [SAH Archipedia](#).

[Preserving your Family's Treasures](#)

Tuesday, September 25, 7 - 8:30 pm, Mary Jacobs Branch

Learn how to preserve your family's historic treasures and the importance of using archival quality materials. Attendees may bring in an item for discussion on how to best to keep it safe for future generations. Local history librarian, archivist and preservation consultant, Deb Schiff, will be presenting.

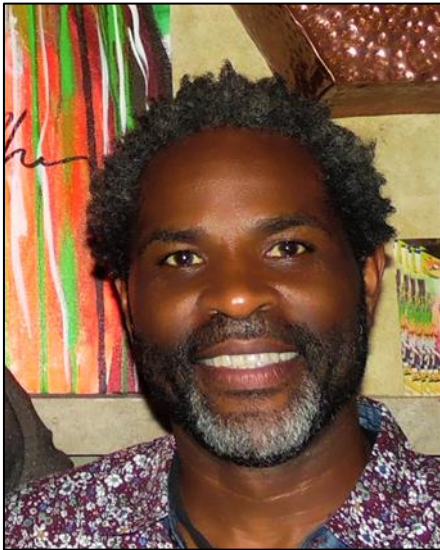
Exhibits at the Trenton Free Public Library

Submitted by Laura M. Poll, Archivist

The following exhibits will be on display:

Exhibit: Kenneth Lewis, Sr.

July 3 – 31



Kenneth J. Lewis, Sr. is a self-instructed artist who began painting on canvas at the unusual age of 47. He primarily creates with acrylic paint on large canvases that he creates himself. Kenneth has a very eclectic style and hopes the viewer/collector finds a connection with his work.

Live Painting Demo Kenneth Lewis, Sr.

Saturday, July 21 11 am – 2 pm in the rose garden



Fabric of Trenton

Part of the global street art project INSIDE OUT. The 14 portraits in this project aim to capture the true essence of the people of Trenton and how they come together to make the city a home.

Photos taken by students enrolled in the Community Engaged Art course at The College of New Jersey. The exhibit is on view in the Library's rose garden throughout the Fall.



Upcoming Exhibits:

- Enrique Zaldivar, August 6 – 30
- Sharon Huey, October 2 – 25

Be sure to also visit our changing displays in the Atrium Galley outside the Trentoniana Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 2018

Mondays in July, *Be a Family Detective*, Ridgewood Public Library, 4 pm

Through the summer:

Exhibits: Becoming a Benedict's Man; Newark: A Pictorial History; and Old School: Collections of the Newark Public Schools Historical Preservation Committee, Newark Public Library

Exhibit: Fabric of Trenton, at Trenton Free Public Library

Through September 31

Exhibit: Friends of Foote's Pond Wood, Morristown and Morris Township Library

2 - 28: *Exhibit: A Carnegie Library: The History of the Elizabeth Public Library*, Elizabeth Public Library

3 - 31: *Exhibit: Kenneth Lewis*, Trenton Free Public Library

7: *Folktales & Lore from the Pinelands to the Shore*, OCL - Long Beach Island Branch, 2 pm

17: *Meet the Author: Rick Geffken*, SCLS – Bridgewater Branch, 7 – 8 pm

18: *Postcards from the Edge of Somerset County*, SCLS – North Plainfield Branch, 7 – 8:30 pm

21: *Live Painting Demo*, Kenneth Lewis, Sr., Trenton Free Public Library, 11 am – 2 pm

24: *Island Beach: a Sonnet in the Sands*, OCL – Toms River Branch, 7 pm

AUGUST 2018

6 - 30: *Exhibit: Enrique Zaldivar*, Trenton Free Public Library

9: *New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance Lecture: Carnegie Libraries in New Jersey*, Elizabeth Public Library, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

14: *Sights and Sounds of the Pinelands*, OCL – Long Beach Island Branch, 10 am

15: *Landscapes of New Jersey*, SCLS – Warren Township Branch, 7 – 8:30 pm

18: *Pinelands Day*, OCL – Toms River Branch, 10 am – 3 pm

28: *Lighthouses of New Jersey*, SCLS – Bridgewater Branch, 7 – 8 pm

29: *Jersey Shore Weather 101 withy Weather NJ's Jonathan Carr*, OCL – Lacey Branch, 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

17: *Learning New Jersey One Building at a Time*, SCLS – Bridgewater Branch, 7 – 8 pm

22: Red Bank Library historical walking tours resume

25: Collection management seminar, Plainfield Public Library

OCTOBER

2 - 25: *Exhibit: Sharon Huey*, Trenton Public Library

11 – 13: **Save the Date – MARAC [Fall conference](#)**

13: 23rd Annual Archives and History Day at the Monmouth County Library

17: Archives week programs at Monmouth County Library; **H&P Section Meeting**