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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Beth Zak-Cohen, Section President

Hello all,

We had a great time at the NJLA Conference this year where H&P presented four great programs:

- Exhilarating Zines (preconference)
- New Jersey Authors Speak
- Now More Than Ever: Expanded Local History Resources and information on Professional Historical Organizations
- Who's Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Associations

All four sessions went very well, several had packed rooms, and all were praised by attendees! Thanks to Laura Saur, John Beekman, Mary Boykoff, and Jessica Myers for organizing these great sessions! Thanks also to everyone who helped man the table. We made several great connections with NJ library staff through our tabling.

We also had an H&P meeting at the conference. Minutes are [available online](#). We had several attendees who hadn't attended before so that was exciting and we hope to continue to increase participation.

In April, we cosponsored a talk on CAPES with Princeton Preservation Group. In May, we sponsored a talk from the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. Both also went very well! Participants at both programs said they learned a lot and we were able to share information about the Section.

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As of July 1, we started a new year for the Section! We're happy to welcome new officers including John Beekman as Vice President and Jackie Oshman as Secretary. We also have a new Exec Board Member Juber Ayala. Thanks to Ken Kaufman, Jessica Myers, Tom Ankner, and Gary Saretsky for remaining in their current positions as Past President (Ken) and on the Exec Board.

One big accomplishment this year was our members' work in establishing an Archives and History Committee. This Committee will work to preserve NJLA's archives, both its older archives and those going into the future. Congratulations to Fred Pachman who is chairing that committee. We have several other H&P members involved, including myself and Elsalyn Palmisano, who's done a ton of work on trying to get the archives in shape. I'm excited to see what this Committee will accomplish in the coming year.

The H&P Executive Board is meeting in August to plan out the year and then we'll have a General Meeting in early fall.

Hope to see you all there as we plan an exciting new year! Please always reach out to me at bzakcohen@npl.org if you have any questions, concerns, programming ideas, etc! We'd love to get more library staff around the state involved in the section this coming year!

Looking forward to a great year!
Beth Zak-Cohen

NJLA H&P Executive Board Bios



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 serves as a reference librarian, processes archives, and manages the Center's digital archives. A Newark native and a graduate of Princeton and Rutgers SCI, Beth has assisted on many historical publications and exhibits, written for Garden State Legacy, and co-curated the Library's current exhibition "Newark's History Keepers" on the 70th anniversary of the Charles F. Cummings Information Center. Beth was an NJLA Emerging Leader in the 2018 - 2019 year. This is her second year serving as H&P President. She previously served as Vice President.



Vice President: John Beekman, Jersey City Public Library: John received his MLIS from Rutgers in 2006 and has since that time worked in the New Jersey Room at the Jersey City Free Public Library. In 2020, he became manager of the department. In the late 20th Century, he worked for many years caring for rental sheet music and scripts at the Tam-Witmark Music Library. He has been an active member of the History & Preservation Section of NJLA and MARAC, and serves as co-editor of the H-New Jersey discussion forum on H-Net. He previously served as section President in 2009-10, and has moderated or appeared on several H&P panels at NJLA conferences, including the most recent one in June 2022. John started his second term as vice president/president-elect of H&P in July this year.



Secretary: Jacquelyn Oshman, New Brunswick Public Library: Jacquelyn Oshman has been the Local History and Genealogy Librarian at New Brunswick Public Library since 2006 and the Head of Circulation since 2020. In addition to Reference and Interlibrary Loan services, Ms. Oshman has also spearheaded local history projects such as transcribing a vital statistics collection into an online database, inventorying and being point person on Willow Grove Cemetery information, and giving Genealogy presentations at libraries and historical societies. She is the Web Archivist for NBFPL and digitizes Archival collections. She is a member of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the New Jersey Library Association.



Past 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 eleven years, he has been active in the History & Preservation Section, serving as President, Vice President and Secretary. Earning an MLS from Rutgers University, he has been a librarian for 23 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 the banking industry.

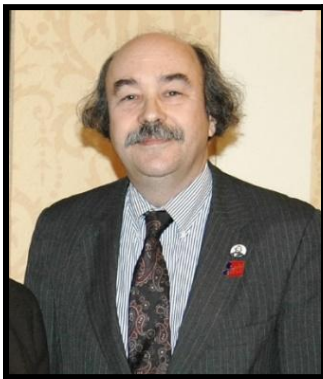
Members-At-Large



Tom Ankner, Newark Public Library: Tom 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 in Washington, DC. Tom returned to the world of public libraries when he was hired by the Newark Public Library in 2010. In 2019, he was promoted to be the supervising librarian in charge of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center. He has also operated a genealogy research business since 2011. Tom is a former president of the History & Preservation section.



Jessica Myers, Bloomfield Historical Society: Jessica Myers (SCILS Rutgers University MLS 2000) was the Head of the Plainfield Local History Department at the Plainfield Public Library from 2001 to 2012. After retirement, she leads The Plainfield Senior Citizen Center Memoir Writing Group and has volunteered for the Historical Society of Bloomfield.



Gary D. Saretzky: 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 has given more than 250 lectures around the state on 19th century New Jersey photographers, preserving family photographs, and other topics. 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).



Juber Ayala, Newark Public Library: Juber is the Archivist at the New Jersey Hispanic Research & Information Center (NJHRIC) at The Newark Public Library. Starting in the archival field as an undergraduate intern, he quickly found a career path to apply his History and Political Science studies. He learned the archival basics of processing and arranging collections, as well as creating finding aids. Before starting his graduate studies, he also worked at the Center for Puerto Rican Studies as an archival assistant. He currently holds a Master of Information with a concentration in Archives and Preservation from Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

JOHN BEEKMAN AWARDED THE SWARTZBURG AWARD

By Gary Saretzky and Tom Ankner



John Beekman Receives Award

Photo Credit: Joslyn Dixon

John Beekman has worked as archivist and reference librarian in the New Jersey Room of the Jersey City Public Library since 2006. He has managed the department since 2020. In this position, he has been responsible for processing and enhancing the preservation of the library's substantial rare book and manuscript collections and for responding to innumerable research inquiries. John has been instrumental in the digitization from microfilm of more than twenty 19th century newspapers published in Hudson County, including the Jersey Journal from 1867 to several years ago.

Currently, since 2014, he is also Co-Editor of H-Net New Jersey, the successor to the New Jersey History listserv. In addition to his editorial duties for H-Net NJ, he regularly posts news relevant to New Jersey history.

For the New Jersey Library Association History & Preservation Section, John was Secretary in 2008, Vice President in 2008-2009, President in 2009-2010, Member at Large, 2011-2014, and since 2019 has been Professional Development Coordinator. John will begin his second term as vice president/president-elect of H&P in July. He has also presented at many NJLA conferences including the most recent one in June 2022.

In addition to NJLA, John is an active member of MARAC and the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York. He is also a member of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, and has twice served as a reader for NJSAA's book awards.

Not only is John an experienced librarian, archivist, and administrator, he is also a respected colleague whose input is sought by others in the New Jersey library community. He is a popular speaker at conferences, and a valuable contributor to professional associations. His work at Jersey City Free Public Library includes conscientious and friendly help to patrons, as well as thoughtful, professional, detail-oriented work on maintaining and adding to the collection.

2022 SUSAN G. SWARTZBURG PRESERVATION AWARD

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

By John Beekman

New Jersey Room, Jersey City Free Public Library
Vice-President, History and Preservation Section

The awards ceremony at the 2022 NJLA Conference in Atlantic City was mercifully streamlined with limited numbers of acceptance speeches made by award recipients. I was humbled by Ken Kaufman's kind words in presenting the award, and experienced a mix of relief and disappointment that I was not able to thank him and the section from the stage at Harrah's Atlantic City. I appreciate the opportunity to instead express myself here in *The Chronicle*.

I want to thank my colleagues and friends in the History and Preservation section for selecting me to be the 20th anniversary recipient of the Susan Swartzburg Award. I did not have the good fortune to study under, work with, or even meet Susan Swartzburg, but when I look back at the list of past winners I see the names of so many mentors, role models and friends – several have been all three to me, starting with the very first award winner, Elsalyn Palmisano. I met Elsalyn while I was volunteering at the Long Branch Public Library prior to going to library school almost 20 years ago. Elsalyn's advice and guidance were invaluable to me at that time, during a necessary radical reinvention of who I was. Other section members both on this list and yet to be recognized there have continued to model the practice of commitment to our profession.

The values of community, collegiality, and public service are at the core of the library profession, and I have found them to be exemplified in the History and Preservation Section of NJLA. I am grateful to be a member, and while this award is given to recognize past service, I accept it at least as much as a motivation to renew my commitment to the work, and to give back the support I have found in this organization, and this profession. It is in this spirit I begin my second go-round as section Vice-President and President-Elect. As we live through times of change that seem to ever accelerate, and new challenges both anticipated and unexpected, I hope I may contribute in some small way to sustaining the work as my predecessors have done.

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

“Who’s Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Organizations”

and

“Now More Than Ever – Expanded Online Sources for Local History Research”

Submitted By Frederic C. Pachman, AHIP

Library Director, Monmouth Medical Center

Our Thursday morning program “Who’s Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Organizations” was introduced by Jackie Oshman and Mary Boykoff. Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission Sara Cureton gave a tour of the Garden State’s history community from the local societies up through state-wide groups, and adding in some national organizations with special programs and resources. She reminded attendees about the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the opportunities and benefits from NJCH sponsored programs such as the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (managed in cooperation with the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference) and the Artifacts Assessment Program (managed by the New Jersey Association of Museums). Tara Maharjan’s talk started with the ‘great flood’ saga and how the services and collections at the Rutgers University Libraries were just starting to become available.



Presenters for “Who’s Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Associations”

Photo Credit: Fred Pachman

(Left to right) Tara Maharjan, Rutgers University Libraries; Jackie Oshman, New Brunswick Free Public Library; Sara Cureton, New Jersey Historical Commission; Mary Boykoff, Maplewood Public Library

The Thursday afternoon program was jointly sponsored by the Reference Section, and former H&P Section President Ken Kaufman introduced the program “Now More Than Ever – Expanded Online Sources for Local History Research”. Catherine Medich took attendees on a tour of the online resources available at the New Jersey State Archives (www.archives.nj.gov). Whether you’re researching the nitty-gritty of birth & death records or military service, or just want to survey some of the featured New Jersey documents including the three state constitutions or photographic collections, there is plenty to enjoy. John Beekman’s talk featured online tools for doing ‘house histories’ and his county-by-county handout listing online sites for researching deeds and properties was distributed to the audience.



Presenters Catherine Stearns Medich and John Beekman with Moderator Ken Kaufman

Photo Credit: Fred Pachman

(Left to right) Ken Kaufman, Somerset County Library; Catherine Stearns Medich, New Jersey State Archives; John Beekman, Jersey City Free Public Library



History & Preservation Section table at the 2022 NJLA Annual Conference

Photo Credit: Fred Pachman

(Left to right) Kathlyn Kelly, Somerset County Library System; Tara Maharjan, Rutgers University Libraries; Ken Kaufman, Somerset County Library System; Laura Poll, Trenton Free Public Library; Elselyn Palmisano, Library Consultant

EXHILARATING ZINES

Submitted by Laura M. Poll, C.A.

Archivist, Trentoniana Department, Trenton Free Public Library



Presenters for Exhilarating Zines

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

(Left to right) Laura Poll, Trenton Free Public Library; Jodi Silverman, Somerset County Library System; Christie Lutz, Rutgers University Libraries

June 1st saw 16 cool librarians participate in the “Exhilarating Zines! Zines in New Jersey Libraries” NJLA pre-conference, co-sponsored by the History & Preservation and Young Adult Services sections. The 3-hour lecture and workshop focused on what zines are and how they can be a vital addition to libraries. Lots of examples were shown since there is not just one kind of zine - all are very different from one another and can be about anything. In the second half of the session, each participant received their own kit to begin creating their own zine. At the end, those who wanted to, shared their zine with the group.



Jodi Silverman Speaking

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

Laura Poll, Archivist of the Trentoniana Department at the Trenton Free Public Library, was up first and gave a brief history of zines and how their “alternate knowledge” structure can add to a library’s holdings. She went on to talk about how to implement zines in both circulating and special collections, and the challenges that may be faced. She also discussed the creation of the Trenton Library’s history zine series which uses the mini-zine format to share information about Trenton’s past in a fun and easily accessible way. For more information, see www.trentonlib.org/zine-library/.

Christie Lutz, NJ Regional Studies Librarian at Rutgers University Special Collections and University Archives, then spoke about the zines in Special Collections and how she works with the students to use the zine format for academic and personal expression. She explained how zines can be incorporated into college courses alongside more traditional ways for course credit. Christie also discussed the various special collections that contain zines, the related ephemera that often come with them, and how student-made zines may become part of the collection. For more information, see <https://archives.libraries.rutgers.edu/repositories/11/resources/401>.

Jodi Silverman, Youth Services Department Supervisor at the North Plainfield branch of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey, concluded the panel portion by discussing how a teen “e-zine” was born from the pandemic and how it went from a “QuaranTEEN” zine to an ongoing post-pandemic project, renamed “The Gallery”. She discussed how the teens approached the project, much like a student-run journal, and how each came up with content and then made the zine available virtually. For more information, see <https://sclsnj.org/thegallery/>.



Christie Lutz Presenting During the Session

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

After a Q & A and a short break, participants received their own supply kit to start work on making their own; the first time for many. Also available were many samples of other zines for browsing and inspiration, and to take with them in order to help start zine collections at their library. Some of the participants' zines that were shared with the group included such topics as the casino workers strike that was just occurring in Atlantic City, a story based on found photographs, and even one about the "Spirit of Newark" (by H&P president Beth Zak-Cohen, who was also the moderator of the session).

At the end, there was some buzz about making zines an annual event at the NJLA conference, perhaps something similar to ALA's "Zine Pavilion"; perhaps something completely new. Stay tuned, and if you are interested or have any ideas, contact Laura at zines@trentonlib.org.

NJLA PHOTO GALLERY



Tara Maharjan at the "Who's Out There?" program

Photo Credit: Jacquelyn Oshman



History & Preservation Section Meeting

Photo Credit: Anonymous



Beth Zak-Cohen at the H & P Table

Photo Credit: Anonymous

-----*THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN PHOTOS AND ARTICLES!*-----



Beth Zak-Cohen and Ken Kaufman at the H & P Table

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen



Presenters and Participants at the NJ Authors Speak Session

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen



Participants at the Exhilarating Zines Session

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

MODERATING AT NJLA: NEW JERSEY AUTHORS SPEAK

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

and

Jessica Myers, Bloomfield Historical Society

One good idea often leads to another and at NJLA 2022 that is what happened at History and Preservation's Section old favorite "New Jersey Authors Speak", coordinated by Jessica Myers, as Rick Geffken and Joe Pompeo launched their new books and untold stories.

We were all happy, if a bit uneasy, to be back after 'Time in the life of Covid'. There were a few last-minute changes including that of the Keynote speaker and our moderator. Librarians and guest speakers and vendors and students showed up full of ideas, speakers to hear, programs to attend, books to share, and people to see.



Joe Pompeo Presenting

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

And so, I was selected to be the NJ Authors moderator and accepted. I take my responsibilities seriously. I immediately ordered and read Rick Geffken's admirable book, *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey*. It was a very good read on a topic of great interest to me. I was very impressed by the details he culled and knit together to create a more complete and granular understanding of slavery in New Jersey and the North.

I had suggested Joe Pompeo as a speaker. He had been using the New Brunswick Free Public Library (NBFPL) archives to do research on the Halls-Mills murder of 1922. Since Joe's book, *Blood and Ink*, had not yet been published, I was sent a galley to read. I much prefer to read paper books. I am very familiar with the topic, and I expected it to be a long slog through a familiar topic. I was not expecting a barnburner. It was thrilling right from the start. Joe is a top-notch writer who brings characters and action to life with lots of energy. Additionally, he was not just writing about an unsolved murder. It was a vehicle for understanding the history of competitive, sensationalist, tabloid journalism that takes us right up to the problems of today. This may be the most important aspect of his book. The Fourth Estate is a critical component of a working Democracy. Today it is a chaotic mess with too many people sure that the press is not giving us straight-forward, unbiased news. Joe's book shows us why.

There are some things learned about moderating from this new authors experience. Reading the books beforehand is essential. Creating an introduction that connects the audience to the authors helps to focus attention and lubricate the conversation. As with other sessions, I use the introduction to bring the speakers to life with bits of bio and thoughts about the books but still very, very short. The speakers are given their times, and I do keep them to it. They do their speaking first and questions are after in case time runs short. Last, I prepare some questions to jump start the questions if needed. It went well and both authors did excellent jobs.

I liked both books so much that both authors will be program guests at NBFPL.

I very much enjoyed moderating the session.



Rick Geffken Presenting

Photo Credit: Beth Zak-Cohen

ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW 'SUMMER OF FREEDOM' EXHIBIT AT BOARDWALK HALL

Submitted by Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Reference Librarian/Archivist,
Atlantic City Free Public Library



Photo Credit: Atlantic City Free Public Library

(Left to right) Pictured are members of the Atlantic City Free Public Library:
Kate Rowland, Digital Archives Assistant; Robert Rynkiewicz, Director;
Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Archivist and Exhibit Co-Curator; and Libbie Wills, Board of Trustees President.
The Atlantic City Experience is presented by the Atlantic City Free Public Library.

In celebration of the NAACP National Convention coming to town this month, the Atlantic City Free Public Library unveiled its new exhibit – Summer of Freedom – on July 6 at the Atlantic City Experience (ACX), located in the Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall lobby.

The Summer of Freedom exhibit illustrates the Civil Rights struggle to seat the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party delegates at the 1964 Democratic National Convention, which was held in Atlantic City, with protests led by

Fannie Lou Hamer and many others. The exhibit is a mixture of photographs and artifacts from the convention. Each item displayed conveys the fight for equal rights within the United States.

Atlantic City Councilman Kaleem Shabazz said he was a sophomore in high school when Hamer came to Atlantic City, and he was involved in a demonstration in support of her and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

“This is an educational, informative, exciting display, and I hope we will get people to come see it – especially young people – to get a feel for what happened,” he said.

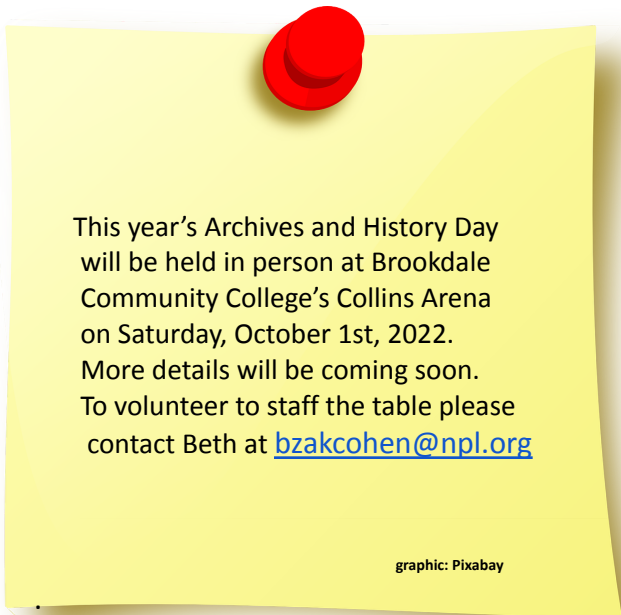
The exhibit curators are Atlantic City historian Vicki Gold Levi and Atlantic City Library archivist Jacqueline Silver-Morillo.

Silver-Morillo and her family have Atlantic City roots, which only added to the exhibit’s significance on a personal level.

“When I first saw the completed exhibit, standing here in the empty wing, I was in awe of seeing people who look like me on a wall for all the world to see,” she said. “It made me want to cry to see where we have been and where we still need to go.”

ACX, which is presented by the library, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. Please check the Boardwalk Hall schedule as the exhibit might be closed at times due to events taking place at the venue.

Please call Silver-Morillo at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063, for more information about ACX, or visit acexperienceexhibit.org.



MEMBER EVENTS

PRESERVING FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS LECTURE

Submitted by Gary Saretzky

Preserving Family Photographs

Presented by Gary D. Saretzky

September 20, 2022, 7pm

Virtual program on Zoom

Free of charge, registration required.

Registration:

<https://hclibrary.libcal.com/event/9323092>

Family historians and others with photo collections will learn about the causes of deterioration to photos, what storage materials to use to prolong their longevity, and the use of digital technology to enhance faded and damaged images.

Saretzky is a professional archivist, photographer, and photographic conservator. He recently retired after more than 25 years as Monmouth County Archivist, where he taught annual workshops on preserving family photographs.



NEW BRUNSWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Saturday, 22 October, 2-4 p.m. Joe Pompeo (Blood and Ink) and Johnny Meyers (Thou shall Not, Thinkery and Verse Theater) will discuss in panel their treatment of the Halls-Mills Murder. Kim Adams moderating. This will be at the New Brunswick Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free and a seat is assured if you call 732-745-8000. But you can just show up too. There will be refreshments, a book signing, and if all goes well, book sales. New Brunswick has lots of great restaurants, so come join us and make a day of it.

Saturday, 5 November 2022, Erik Burrow will talk on the history of transportation, mainly ferries, in

New Brunswick. It will be in the afternoon in the library. Time TBA.

Saturday, 4 February 2023 Rick Geffken (Stories of Slavery in New Jersey) will come to give an author's talk at the Library, 60 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08512. Free and open to the public. Time TBA.

We invite you to join us at all events. The library is located at 60 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. www.nbfpl.org, 732-745-5108 for information. All events are free and open to the public.

OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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

The AJ Meerwald and the History of NJ's Oyster Industry

Monday, 8/1, 6 pm, Point Pleasant Beach Branch
New Jersey's official tall ship, the *AJ Meerwald*, will be docked in Point Pleasant Beach this summer. Members of the Bayshore Center at Bivalve, the organization that maintains the *AJ Meerwald*, will share highlights from the new book *The AJ Meerwald and New Jersey's Oyster Industry*.

Please register:

<https://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3dEvent%26eventid%3D160648456>



New Jersey's Fish Hawk: The Amazing Osprey

Friday, 8/5, 2 pm, Long Beach Island Branch
Did you know that in 1974 only 50 osprey nests were left in New Jersey? Today, ospreys are a common sight along the New Jersey shore during the summer. Join us to learn about the life history of ospreys, current monitoring techniques, and their amazing comeback. Ben Wurst, Habitat Program Manager with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ, will share his experience from working to manage this species over the past 15+ years.

Please register.

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Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942

Monday, August 8, 7 pm, Manchester Branch
A major US Marine force invaded Guadalcanal, a Japanese-occupied island in the Solomon Island chain in the South Pacific on August 7, 1942. The bloody and protracted struggle for this steamy, malaria-ridden, rain-sodden island lasted for nearly

6 months, resulting in over 6,000 casualties, including 1,752 battle deaths. The battle was the first real test of land strength between Japan and the US. Paul Zigo from the WWII Era Studies Institute will be the presenter.



Please register:

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The Widow Cries Wolf: the 100th Anniversary of a Murder in Lakehurst

Tuesday, August 16, 10 am, Manchester Branch
The Widow Cries Wolf: 100th Anniversary of a Murder in Lakehurst-- Join us for lively recounting of a local, true-crime murder that happened 100 years ago. Three railway men walking down the street in late hours of night hear a woman's cry for help. Rushing into the home, the men find a local, Lakehurst businessman, William Giberson, lying in his bed with a bullet in his head. It is up to Ocean County Prosecutor Jayne and Jersey's world-renown "Sherlock Holmes of the United States," Detective Ellis Parker, to gather the evidence that will bring Ivy to trial. Once we present the evidence and facts, we will share another twist of fate in this interwoven true-crime story. Please register:

<https://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159880872>

Rutgers presents: Blueberry and Cranberry Farming in South Jersey

Monday, 8/29, 6:30 pm, Tuckerton Branch
Professor Peter V. Oudemans will discuss the cultivation of the native Pine Barrens plants; the cranberry and blueberry. Historically, how has technology been used to improve productivity? What are the challenges of farming in the current era and how can soil health, climate change and invasive species affect the survival of these important agricultural industries?

Please register.
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Amazing New Jersey: People and Places of the Garden State

Monday, September 19, 6 pm, Toms River Branch
Author and historian, Rick Geffken, presents "Amazing New Jersey: People and Places of the Garden State." This talk features historical events, famous and infamous people - entertainers, politicians, and entrepreneurs – highlighted by many evocative images of locations throughout New Jersey.

Please register:
<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159019529>

Revolutionary New Jersey

Saturday, 9/24, 2 pm, Long Beach Island Branch
Join local historian Jim Segrave-Daly to discuss the crucial role that the Garden State played during the American Revolution. From Trenton and Princeton to Monmouth Courthouse and Morristown, events in New Jersey laid the foundation for America's

ultimate victory and entry on the world stage.
Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library.

Please register:
<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159429653>

Preserving the Pinelands

Tuesday, 9/27, 12 pm, Long Beach Island Branch
The Pinelands Preservation Alliance will present a program about their purpose in protecting and exploring the New Jersey Pine Barrens. They will be sharing photos and exhibits of their visitor center, barn, and community based agricultural project at the Rancocas Creek Farm. Please register:
<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D160162492>

Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War

Saturday, 10/1, 2 pm, Long Beach Island Branch
Join local historian Jim Segrave-Daly to discuss Lincoln's lifelong conflict with slavery, one of America's most challenging issues, as well as his navigation of the difficult politics that encompassed secession and the Civil War. Sponsored by Friends of the Island Library. Please register.
<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159429702>

When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the Salem Witch Trials

Tuesday, October 4, 7 pm, [Toms River Branch](#)
Monday, October 24, 7 pm, [Manchester Branch](#)

In January of 1692, a strange illness seized control of five young girls living in Salem Village, a contentious and divided town in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

When medical professionals could not identify the illness, the town believed the girls had come "under an evil hand." Events soon spiraled out of control with local divisions and a splintered colonial government feeding the frenzy. Archivist Mickey DiCamillo unravels the events with archival documents from the period, and program participants will interact with transcripts from the

1692 interrogations of suspected witches. A Q&A session follows the 60-minute presentation.

Please register:

<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D159935154>

NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Beth Zak-Cohen, Librarian, Newark Public Library

Newark Library will have three exhibits opening in September. "Made in Newark" will chronicle the 150th anniversary of the Newark Industrial Exhibition in 1872. There will also be a Latino Heritage month exhibition and "Souls Shot: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence". Watch our website at npl.org for more information.

There will also be a program from the Newark History Society on September 24, 2022. Watch our website at npl.org or newarkhistorysociety.org for more information.



RIDGEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Sarah Kiefer, Local History Librarian, Ridgewood Public Library

Saturday September 10 from 5-10pm, **19th Annual Genealogy Lock-In**: Co-sponsored by the Ridgewood Public Library and the Genealogical Society of Bergen County, the Lock-In offers genealogists of all levels the chance to:

- Spend the evening researching, learning and sharing
- Ask the Experts your brick wall questions
- Attend workshops such as Irish Genealogy, 1950 Census, DNA and more
- Receive individual assistance from a genealogy expert

For full details, including how to register, please go to www.ridgewoodlibrary.org/localhistory. Space is limited and the program will be held onsite. Any questions, contact Sarah Kiefer at 201-670-5600 x135 or skiefer@ridgewoodlibrary.org

Saturday October 1 at 2pm, **A Window on American Stained Glass**: Through a slide presentation, Donald Samick of J&R Lamb Studios will take a look at the development of stained glass windows from the late 1800's to today's modern designs and how the ever shifting national and global economy affected popularity. He will also examine how social and population movements bring about increased interest in religious and domestic stained glass, which affected changes in architectural styles. Will be held in the Library auditorium from 2-3pm

Registration required:

<http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=5615&EventID=465600>

This program is in relation to recent restoration to George O. Bonawit's stained glass of Old King Cole Series. Bonawit was a Ridgewood resident, and stained glass artist. His stained glass will be on display in the auditorium during the program.

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SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Ken Kaufman, Adult Services Librarian, SCLSNJ

SCLSNJ Events

Women Lighthouse Keepers And the History of the United States Lighthouse Service

Wednesday, August 31st, 7 - 8pm

Virtual Program - please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6224226>

This program explores the US Lighthouse Service and looks at five remarkable women keepers.

Presented by Mary Rasa.

Lost New York City: A Tour of New York's Demolished Landmarks

Thursday, September 8th, 7 - 8pm

Virtual Program - please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6716553>

In the name of progress, New York City has lost some impressive architecture. Presented by Jason Scappaticci.

The County's Handsomest House: The Story of Somerville's American-Gothic Classic

Monday, September 19th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Somerville branch Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6224339>

Marge Sullivan from Somerville's Historic Advisory Committee will tell the story of Somerville's castle, that serves today, as the home of Somerville's Borough Hall and Public Library.

Meet the Authors of "If These Stones Could Talk". A Book by Beverly Mills and Elaine Buck

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6640579>

Cemeteries have stories to tell and voices to unearth. "If These Stones Could Talk" brings fresh light to a forgotten corner of American history that begins in a small cemetery in central New Jersey.

Local History Trivia: Warren Township and Somerset County

Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Warren Township branch Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6571650>

Think you know Warren Township? Test your knowledge or learn something new with local historian Rory Britt.

The Morris Family of New Jersey. Presented by Rick Geffken

Monday, October 3rd, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Peapack and Gladstone branch Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6732811>

The family's legacy in New Jersey and New York is rivaled by no other. This presentation will explore where the Morris family came from, where they settled, what they did, and why they are so little remembered today.

The Kitchen Historian. Presented by Dana Bala

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Warren Township branch Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6523073>

Dana Bala will discuss how cookbooks, recipes, Grandma's recipe box, and the treasured community cookbook affected family life, the community, and American culture from the 1870's-1960's.

Lenape Lifeways: Introducing the First People of Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware

Saturday, November 5th, 2 - 3pm

Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6713177>

At the time of Columbus, as many as 10 million Native Americans lived in North America. Many thousands lived in "Lenapehocking," the vast homeland of the Lenni Lenape. Presented by Carla Messinger.

What's So Great About New Jersey's Great Seal? History & Symbolism of the State's Coat of Arms

Monday, November 14th, 7 - 8pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6621146>

New Jersey historian, author, and lecturer Gordon Bond explores the cultural significance of such seals, how the State Seal was created, and the meaning behind its symbolism.

Local History Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 15th, 6 - 7pm

Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room

Please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6553509>

Put your local history knowledge to the test! Welcoming individuals or teams of 3-5 people to compete and learn more about the history of our local communities.

Waves of Hope: The Inspiring Story of Agnes Joan Negra with Authors Ronald and Valerie Negra

Thursday, November 17th, 7 - 8pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6776405>

During World War II, using her shortwave radio from her home in Nutley, New Jersey, Agnes listened to Radio Berlin each night and notated the names of U.S. Prisoners of War as they were announced.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

AUGUST

- 1:** The AJ Meerwald and the History of NJ's Oyster Industry, 6 pm, (OCL - Point Pleasant Beach Branch)
5: New Jersey's Fish Hawk: The Amazing Osprey, 2 pm, (OCL - Long Beach Island Branch)
8: Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942, 7 pm, (OCL - Manchester Branch)
16: The Widow Cries Wolf: the 100th Anniversary of a Murder in Lakehurst, 10 am, (OCL - Manchester Branch)
24: Newark History Society Event (NPL) (Time and Location TBA)
29: Rutgers presents: Blueberry and Cranberry Farming in South Jersey, 6:30 pm, (OCL - Tuckerton Branch)
31: Women Lighthouse Keepers And the History of the United States Lighthouse Service, 7 pm (SCLS - virtual)

SEPTEMBER

- 8:** Lost New York City: A Tour of New York's Demolished Landmarks ,7pm (SCLS - virtual)
10: 19th Annual Genealogy Lock-In, 5-10pm, (Ridgewood Public Library, Onsite)
19: Amazing New Jersey: People and Places of the Garden State, 6 pm, (OCL - Toms River Branch)
----The County's Handsomest House: The Story of Somerville's American-Gothic Classic, 6:30 pm (SCLS - Somerville Branch Meeting Room)
20: Meet the Authors of "If These Stones Could Talk". A Book by Beverly Mills and Elaine Buck ,6:30 pm (SCLS - Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room)
----Preserving Family Photographs, 7 pm (Hunterdon County Library System, Virtual via Zoom)
24: Revolutionary New Jersey , 2 pm, (OCL - Long Beach Island Branch)
27: Preserving the Pinelands, 12 pm, (OCL - Long Beach Island Branch)
28: Local History Trivia: Warren Township and Somerset County, 6:30 pm (SCLS- Warren Township branch Meeting Room)

TIME TBA:

Watch for these programs coming up at Newark Public Library in the month of September

- "Made in Newark" Exhibit
 "Latino Heritage Month Exhibition"
 "Soul Shots: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence"

OCTOBER

- 1:** A Window on American Stained Glass, 2pm, (Ridgewood Public Library, Library Auditorium)
----Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War, 2 pm, (OCL - Long Beach Island Branch)
3: The Morris Family of New Jersey. Presented by Rick Geffken, 6:30 pm (SCLS- Peapack and Gladstone branch Meeting Room)
4: When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the Salem Witch Trials, 7 pm, (OCL - Toms River Branch)
22: Joe Pompeo and Johnny Meyers Panel Discussion on Halls-Mills Murder, 2 pm (New Brunswick Performing Arts Center)
24: When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the Salem Witch Trials,7 pm (OCL - Manchester Branch)

NOVEMBER

1: The Kitchen Historian. Presented by Dana Bala, 6:30 pm (SCLS- Warren Township branch Meeting Room)

5: History of Transportation Talk by Erik Burrow, TIME TBA (New Brunswick Free Public Library)

----- Lenape Lifeways: Introducing the First People of Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Delaware, 2 pm (SCLS-Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room)

14: What's So Great About New Jersey's Great Seal? History & Symbolism of the State's Coat of Arms, 7 pm (SCLS-Virtual)

15: Local History Trivia Night, 6 pm (SCLS - Montgomery branch Library Meeting Room)

17: Waves of Hope: The Inspiring Story of Agnes Joan Negra with Authors Ronald and Valerie Negra, 7 pm (SCLS-Virtual)

FEBRUARY 2023

4: Author Talk: Rick Geffken, TIME TBA (New Brunswick Free Public Library)