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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Beth Zak-Cohen, Section President

Hello everyone,

Our big news this month is programming! By the time this newsletter comes out we will have cosponsored two programs - a talk on CAPES (April 27) and a talk on Ukraine (May 3). Thanks to all who attended and helped with these excellent programs.

Coming up we have, of course, the 2022 NJLA Conference! We have four sessions at the conference. We hope everyone will come out to attend. Thanks to all who are organizing and speaking. If you are attending the conference, please also [sign up to help staff the H&P table](#). We will also have an H&P meeting so I hope to see you all there. It is on Jun 2, from 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm in the Sea Isle Board Room. All our programs are listed later in this issue.

Hopefully, by the time this is out we will have completed NJLA Elections. We have some great volunteers whose terms officially start in July. Unfortunately, Richetta Wilson-Lobban is unable to serve as President, so I will be serving for another year. I'm excited to work with all our volunteers--new and old-- to make it another great year for H&P!

Hope to see you all at the conference,

Beth Zak-Cohen, President

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H&P PROGRAMS AT NJLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Submitted by Beth Zak-Cohen, H&P Section President

Exhilarating Zines: Zines in NJ Libraries

Moderator: Beth Zak-Cohen, Speakers: Christie Lutz, Laura Poll and Jodi Silverman

Pre-conference program, June 1, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

What is a zine and are you wondering how to implement them at your library? Panelists will discuss how they are using, collecting, and creating these hand-made, small-run self-published works. Laura Poll at Trenton Public Library will talk about creating a zine library and history-based zines. Christie Lutz will discuss the development of Rutgers University's zine collection. Jodi Silverman will discuss creating SCLSNJ's teen e-zine. In the second half of the program, participants will have a chance to create their own physical or digital zines! Bring a laptop if you would like to try creating a digital zine. Co-sponsored with Adult Services, Youth Services

New Jersey Authors Speak

Moderator: Evelyn Kim Adams, Speakers: Rick Geffken and Joe Pompeo

June 2, 11:00 am - 11:50 am, Wildwood 20 & 21

Geffken presents his book *Stories of Slavery in New Jersey*, History Press, 2021. Here he shows that Dutch and English settlers brought the first enslaved people to New Jersey in America and that New Jersey was the last state to abolish slavery.

Pompeo introduces *Blood and Ink*, Harper Collins, 2022. He reveals clues in library archives. He re-examines the Halls-Mills unsolved double 1922 homicide and its influence on rise of American tabloid media.

Who's Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Associations

Moderator: Mary Boykoff, Speakers: Sara Cureton and Tara Maharjan

June 2, 11:00 am – 11:50 am, Wildwood 12 & 13

Have you ever needed help in answering specific questions regarding obscure history? Have you ever wondered whether *anyone* has the information to help a patron complete a research paper on 18th-century transportation systems in New Jersey? Well, wonder no more. This program will inform you of the various professional historical associations and resources that will become your go-to sources when searching for such answers.

Now More Than Ever: Expanded Online Sources for Local History Research

Moderator: Ken Kaufman, Speakers: Catherine Stearns Medich and John Beekman

June 2, 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm, Wildwood 12 & 13

With buildings closed for extended periods, the Covid-19 era highlighted the value of remotely accessible resources. Fortunately, archives and technologists have been hard at work digitizing records and creating tools to access digital content. This session highlights the digital collections hosted by the NJ State Archives as well as tools for doing "house history." Knowing these resources can add value to library services even in the absence of a dedicated local history collection.

Co-sponsored with Adult Services

RECENT PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY H&P

Submitted by Beth Zak-Cohen, H&P Section President

The History & Preservation Section recently co-sponsored two great programs!

On April 27, H&P co-sponsored "The Capes Archival Consulting Program" with the Princeton Preservation Group and MARAC NJ Caucus. Deb Schiff and Janette Pardo told viewers about the CAPES program and answered questions. If you missed the program, you may be asking, "What's CAPES?" The state of NJ offers a program where a professional archivist can come evaluate your collection for free! This is great for any local history collection, archives, historical house, museum, etc.

After completing CAPES, you receive a report on your archives with professional recommendations, which is extremely helpful for grant applications. You can read more [here](#) so please take advantage of this great opportunity! Many of our H&P members are involved with CAPES, and they do a great job!

On May 4, Michael Andrec of the Ukrainian History and Education Center presented the "The Historical and Cultural Context of Ukraine." This program was organized by the NJLA History & Preservation Section and co-sponsored by the NJLA College and University Section and the MARAC NJ Caucus. The Center is located in Somerset, NJ. Its goal is to "preserve and promote awareness of Ukrainian heritage throughout the community." Michael discussed how the Center has adapted during the crisis in Ukraine, presenting programs and increasing awareness.

The goal of this presentation was to present the history behind the current situation in Ukraine. Specifically, Andrec focused on Putin's claim that Ukraine was always part of Russia and showed attendees how Ukraine's historical antecedents were mostly separate from what is now Russia, including a period of independence from 1917 to 1921. The audience also learned some fun facts. Did you know the Christmas favorite "Carol of the Bells" was originally a Ukrainian melody?

The talk was open to all, with attendees from NJLA, MARAC and others. Viewers asked several questions including how the Center ended up in Somerset (the Ukrainian church liked the area) and how libraries were doing during the current crisis (it varies).

The Ukrainian Center's speakers and workshops are available to any library, and they are flexible with costs for libraries that may not have funds. There is also a wealth of information on the Center's website <https://www.ukrhec.org/> including resources, virtual programs, and exhibits. If you are near Somerset, you can also visit the Center and see their current exhibit.

To learn more about our partner groups for these programs check out their websites:

PPG: <http://princetonpreservation.org/>

MARAC NJ: <https://www.marac.info/new-jersey-caucus>

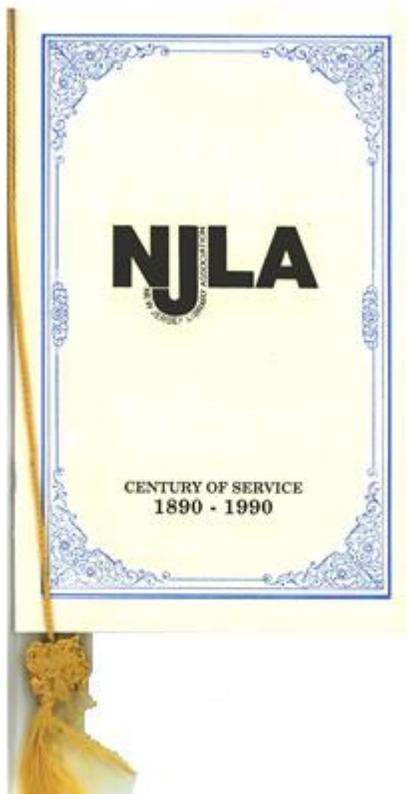
NJLA College and University Section:

<https://cus.njla.org/>

PRESERVING THE HERITAGE OF THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Elsaly Palmisano and Frederic Pachman
New Jersey Library Association – Records Retention and Archives Task Force

In October of 1990, more than 300 librarians and friends attended the gala celebration in honor of the New Jersey Library Association's Centennial at the Ocean Place Hilton in Long Branch. In the program, you can read all about the dignitaries, speeches, toasts and musical tributes, but there were members who wanted to know more about the history of their Association.



NJLA Centennial Celebration
Program, 1990

So six years later, compliments of the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES), NJLA

members Elsaly Palmisano and Frederic Pachman were assigned to survey the historical collections at the Association's office on Lafayette Street in Trenton. CAPES is funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission and in cooperation with the New Jersey Caucus of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, consultants provide surveys of historical materials and photographic collections that document New Jersey history.

(<https://nj.gov/state/historical/his-grants.shtml>)

The report was submitted to the Association and while small efforts were made, little was accomplished to organize and preserve the Association's archives.¹



History files at the NJLA offices in 1996
(Photo by Elsaly Palmisano)

Fast forward to 2021, and NJLA President Kate Jagers became enthused when presented with the prospects of documenting NJLA's history and the Executive Board appointed an Archives & Records Retention Task Force. Research shows that Bea James was appointed Archivist in 1972 and a committee formed to collect and preserve historical materials. The current Task Force has met virtually, swapped ideas, and developed documents to guide the Association staff and officers along with Committee and Section members. Minutes were compiled to track activities and record ideas for next steps.

The History & Preservation Section has long collected and maintained an Archive that documents the original History and Bibliography Section and Preservation Section before they merged in 1998. Originally housed at the Monmouth County Archives, the collection is now maintained at the Plainfield Public Library with a formal finding aid to assist researchers and Section members.²

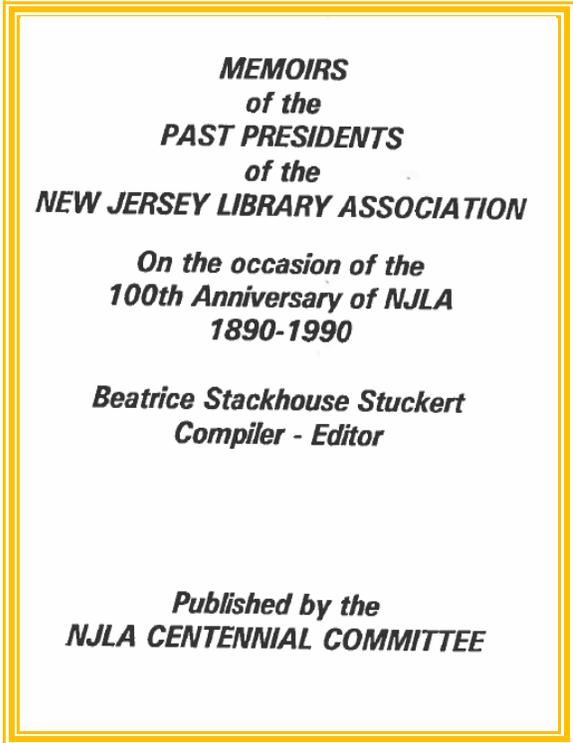
At present, the Executive Board of NJLA has authorized the establishment of an Archives & History Committee as a standing subcommittee of the Member Services Committee, effective July 2022 to "maintain the history of NJLA." Currently there are more than 300 boxes of historical materials stored at the New Jersey State Library – Talking Book and Braille Center in Trenton and more at the Association offices in Bordentown. The NJLA Executive Director and President have applied for a second CAPES survey to review and give recommendations for organizing and preserving the materials that document the 130 year history of our Association.

Our thanks to all the NJLA members (especially those from our History & Preservation Section) who have contributed to the success of this effort and Task Force.

1. Palmisano, Elsalyn; Pachman, Frederic C. Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service Survey for the New Jersey Library Association. September 27, 1996
11 pages

2. Monmouth County Archives. New Jersey Library Association – History & Preservation Section Collection. 2017 1.2 linear feet

Stop by the History & Preservation Section table in Atlantic City during our Annual Conference and look for the new Archives and History Committee poster and trifold brochure. For more information, contact the Committee: archives@njlamembers.org



Centennial publication, 1990.

FAR HILLS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

CLARENCE DILLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Marie Crenshaw, Library Director

Clarence Dillon Public Library

Far Hills through the Years 1921-2021

The Clarence Dillon Public Library is one of five joint public libraries in New Jersey. We serve the communities of Bedminster and Far Hills. In 2021, Far Hills celebrated its 100th Anniversary and the borough made plans for a parade and community picnic that were all derailed by the pandemic. The community held a ceremony outside at the municipal building and buried a time capsule on May 15, 2021 to mark the event.

We wanted to celebrate the history of Far Hills with a historical photograph exhibit in the library. It was mounted in June of 2021 in our downstairs meeting room and is available for viewing during library hours. It is anticipated that it will remain on public view through the summer. The Library had previously digitized its historical photographs and they are available to the public on the New Jersey Digital Highway hosted by Rutgers University at: <https://njdigitalhighway.org/portalResults?key=NJDH&orderby=relevance&rtype%5B0%5D=&query=clarence%20dillon%20public%20library>

Far Hills is nearly five square miles in size. It broke off from Bernards Township and incorporated as a political entity in 1921 by a special act of the New Jersey Legislature. The voter referendum results were 117 votes were in favor of forming a borough and 15 votes opposed. There were approximately 200 residents. The main issue was taxes. Far Hills became a borough in 1921, but the history of Far Hills goes back further and really is centered on one man – Grant B. Schley.



Grant Barney Schley

Grant Barney Schley (1845-1917) is the quintessential American success story. He was born to humble beginnings and by hard work and keen intelligence, he rose through the ranks of American Express and then founded the brokerage firm of Moore & Schley. After the railroad came into the area in 1870, people from New York City visited the area for fresh air and relief from the heat. Grant Schley and his wife Elizabeth came out in a horse-drawn carriage and loved the beautiful views of the “far hills” and the name stuck. The Schley’s built a country house with Japanese accents that they called Froh-Heim (happy home in German). The Far Hills Village was developed and Grant Schley paid for the costs of building a village school, a church, a firehouse, a social club and the Fairgrounds. He also established the Union Band of Far Hills, which was a brass band composed of local men who played in parades, picnics, and public events. Former Governor Christine Todd Whitman is a descendent of the Schleys.



Schleys' Japanese Tower
on top of Schley Mountain, 1925



Far Hills new train station. Built in 1914,
the new Spanish revival train station
replaced the original station, which
became a private residence.



Postcard views of the Schley Estate, 1900

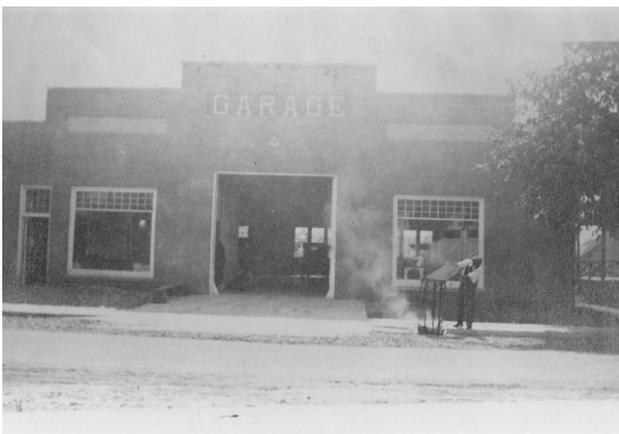
In the same year as the referendum in November 1921, the Essex Fox Hounds Race Meeting moved to Froh-Heim. More than 2,000 people turned out to see the fourth running of the New Jersey Hunt Cup Race despite the rain. The Far Hills Race Meeting is still held annually at this site now known as Moorland Farms. It celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, too.

On November 18, 1921, the Union Hook and Ladder Company opened a new firehouse, which celebrated with a dance and supper. The fire company raised \$600 from the event.



The Union Hook and Ladder Company in 1951

The village of Far Hills grew up surrounding the train station. These houses had central heat from coal fired furnaces and running water from hand pumping well water or water collected in cisterns. There was a clause in the sale of the lots in Far Hills village that prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Automobiles showed up in 1906 and Charles Welsh installed a gasoline pump at his livery stable. Welsh Motors is still thriving as a business in Far Hills today. It is the oldest Jeep dealership in New Jersey. Electricity came in around 1910 and telephone service in 1912.



Welsh's Garage in 1912



Far Hills Union Band in 1912

Because of the beauty of the area, many wealthy folks came to Far Hills and built country homes and estates. One such person was Judge John Forrest Dillon (no relation to the library's namesake Clarence Dillon).

Judge John Forrest Dillon (1831 – 1914) was a prominent resident of Far Hills who was personal counsel for Jay Gould, president of the American Bar Association, and an acknowledged expert on municipal corporations and public finance. He was appointed a federal judge by President Ulysses S. Grant. In 1895, Judge Dillon built his estate Knollcrest in Far Hills. His son John Milton Dillon built his estate Overleigh directly across the street on what is now Route 202. Even though Judge Dillon had immense professional success, his personal life was marred by tragedy. His beloved wife Anna Price Dillon and his daughter Mrs. Annie Dillon Oliver perished when the French ocean liner La Bourgogne sank off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1898. Judge Dillon chartered a steamer that searched for 10 fruitless days looking for their bodies. Descendants of Judge Dillon still live in Far Hills and are active in the community.



Judge John Forrest Dillon

Another colorful resident of Far Hills was Charles Engelhard, Jr. Charles W. Engelhard (1917 – 1971) was a larger than life figure not only in Far Hills, but around the world. After graduating from Princeton, he was a bomber pilot in World War II and was named head of the Engelhard family business after the death of his father in 1950. Engelhard became the world's largest refiner and fabricator of platinum metals, gold and silver, a producer of silver and silver alloys in mill forms, and operator of the world's largest precious metals smelter. He and his wife Jane Engelhard, a noted philanthropist, bought the estate Cragwood in 1951, which was situated at the crest of a high hill overlooking Ravine Lake. He was a great friend of the novelist Ian Fleming and it has been reported that he was the inspiration for the fictional character of Goldfinger in the novel of the same name. Evidently, Engelhard was delighted. He was a jet-setter who made an unsuccessful attempt in a run for the New Jersey State Senate and he was narrowly defeated by Bedminster resident Malcolm S. Forbes.



Charles W. Engelhard, Jr.

There were some changes coming to Far Hills after World War II. The 25- acre-zoning ordinance was reduced to 10 acres. Far Hills formed its own police department. Interstate 287 cut across Schley Mountain. Because of the access to the area provided by I-287 and I-78, companies began to move to the area. AT&T bought land in Far Hills and in adjoining Bedminster, some of which was part of Grant Schley's Froh-Heim. AT&T pledged to keep the Far Hills land as open space and to let the Far Hills Race Meeting to be held there.

In 1982, Far Hills and neighboring Bedminster settled a 12- year question of the new location of a community library. The two towns agreed to form a joint municipal library to be located in Bedminster in a former New Jersey Bell Telephone switching station. The library has gone by several names: Crossroads Public Library, Bedminster-Far Hills Library, and eventually the Clarence Dillon Public Library. With much community support, the Library was expanded and dedicated in 1994.

Far Hills today is home to 924 residents and still retains a small town, friendly atmosphere. Far Hills is home to many local merchants, the Leonard Buck Gardens, the VNA Rummage Sale, the Far Hills Steeplechase, and the Essex Horse Trials. Its

residents have easy access to New York City via the Gladstone Branch of the Morris & Essex line of NJ Transit.

A heartfelt thank you to former Bedminster Township Historian Anne O'Brien for her monograph

History of the Borough of Far Hills, which was written before she died in 1987. It has been an invaluable resource for the library in preparing our exhibit. Also thanks to reference librarian Lindsey Meyer for heading up the project.

NEW BRUNSWICK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ARCHIVE

Submitted by Kim Adams, Archival Librarian

New Brunswick Free Public Library Archive

During the life in the time of COVID lockdown, everyone cleaned out closets. New Brunswick Free Public Library has been a beneficiary. We have received a number of unsolicited donations. Here is an example of a few.

First Baptist Church of New Brunswick/Ebenezer Baptist Church

Founded in 1837, this church was very active and influential in the New Brunswick area.

The late Reverend Dr. John W. Hayward collected and preserved the history of the church. After the Reverend passed, his son had custody of his father's collection, which has recently been donated to the library. Two bins and some loose items include the minutes and transactions of the early church and a multitude of photographs and other materials. In the minutes, the history of the establishment of the Ebenezer Baptist church are recorded in detail. Ebenezer is the third oldest black Baptist church in New Jersey and was fully supported at the time of its founding by the First Baptist Church of New Brunswick. The relevant pages of the minutes regarding the establishment of the Ebenezer Baptist Church have been transcribed from the heavily flourished handwritten minutes.

Kentos Family Collection

An ongoing digitization effort began before Christmas for the Kentos Family Collection. So far, in the hands of Jackie Oshman, who heads the Circulation department, we have scanned over 2,200 images with many, many more on the horizon. The Kentos Family history goes back 19 generations in the New Brunswick area and includes a large number of the local family names that were the earliest settlers prior to the Revolution. We are working backwards with most recent photos first and are now just heading into the Civil War period. The donor is active in the project adding his computer expertise and his interest in family history to the project.

Barrood Collection, additions

David Barrood, a local realtor whose family has been in New Brunswick for some time, has lent us two photographs, which we have scanned. One is a Van der Veer of George Street with quite an attractive collection of horse drawn buggies that we will probably use for the coming exhibit and presentation on transportation history in New Brunswick. The other photograph was of the New Brunswick High School class of 1904, which showed Abraham Barrood. Part of the fun was deframing and then treating, repairing, and reframing the Van der Veer

photo so that it looked much better and now has preservation treatment and framing.



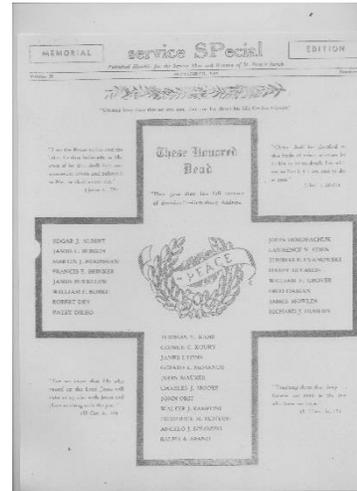
Jim Riley's Saint Peter's Church Wartime Journals

Jim Riley, a local resident of many years, has just lent us his Saint Peter's Service Special collection to digitize. These are monthly newsletters from the WWII period of May 1944 to December 1945. This publication focused on members of the church who were serving in the military. It was news for and about the men and about their military service. The generous scattering of pictures included single portraits as well as group photos of, primarily, teams for both St. Peter's High School and New Brunswick High School. While the majority were men, in the October 1944 issue there were two pages of 'Parish Pin-up' women in the service. We are not only scanning the issues but indexing names, portraits and groups found in the publication as well.

The Feller Collection

Feller's Jewelry Store was on George Street in New Brunswick and the Feller family was active in the community. Barbara Feller Bassano has been steadily sending pictures and documents about the store and family history as she works her way through the contents of her storeroom. Every couple of months

she sends a package with her latest finds. Lately the period around WWII has predominated.



Glass Plate Collection additions

Some years ago, we received from John Cruz (aka Tibby El Gato) an entire box of glass plate negatives estimated to be about 250 in number. As explained to John at the time, they were not useful without some identifying information. He has delivered on his promise to discover the creators and some of the information describing them. Recently he has sent the result of his research which identifies the collection as having been done by a member or members of the Howell family who lived in the house at 238 George Street and are depicted in quite a few of the plates.

The photographs cover an array of local subjects of which John has been able to identify large portion. Some of the most interesting are ships out on the Raritan River.

In Tibby's words:

The Howell Collection has photographs from the America's Cup race in 1901 that was held in Raritan Bay. Dating those photographs was detailed in the Chapter "When Were These Photographs Taken." These photographs were taken with two cameras,

one a 4x5 and one that used 3 ½ x 3 ½ inch glass plates. For whatever reason, the general quality of the photographs is poor due to defects in the negatives probably due to handling during processing. These record a Howell family outing, the photographers were on a boat in the spectator fleet. The photos of the race itself were taken from too far away, there are much better photographs readily available online documenting the race itself. There are some photos taken close to Shamrock II either before or after the race.

Who knew there had been an America's Cup Race in New Brunswick?

These are just some of the more recent acquisitions. Aside from the problems associated with the COVID pandemic, we have had a very rewarding and busy period.



The Howell Family (glass plate negative) NBFPL

MEMBER EVENTS

OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Colleen Goode, Adult Services Librarian

The Lost Resort of Tucker's Island

Thursday, June 2, 10 am, Stafford Branch

The NJ Maritime Museum will present the story of Tucker's Island, New Jersey's first seashore resort. This fascinating pictorial presentation will use photos from the period. Authors Gretchen F. Coyle and Deborah Whitcraft will tell the tale of this unique and popular vacation spot off the coast of Long Beach Island, which eventually eroded into the sea completely in 1932.

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D-Day June 6, 1944 – Why Did It Succeed?

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 pm, Toms River Branch

Join presenter Paul Zigo to learn about D-Day June 6, 1944 - Why Did It Succeed? Learn about the largest seaborne assault ever conducted, how it nearly failed, and more details of this crucial invasion. Registration is required.

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When the Cavalry Came to Call: Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 15, 6 pm, Toms River Branch

Tuesday, June 21, 7 pm, Little Egg Harbor Branch

Juneteenth is a day set aside to celebrate, not just the good news of emancipation, but also a day to remember those who labored so long. Storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson will present stories and

poems dedicated to the celebration of African American Emancipation.

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Databases and the History of Juneteenth

Friday, June 17, 10 am, Little Egg Harbor Branch

Celebrate Juneteenth by accessing historical databases and primary source materials to better understand the collective memory of Emancipation. Staff will provide a guided introduction and exploration of historical documents and information to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans.

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D-Day

Friday, June 17, 3 pm, Toms River Branch

The Ocean County History Society presents the history of D-Day in honor of the 78th anniversary. Jeff Schenker is a history professor, as well as a member of the Ocean County Historical Society. He specializes in the D-Day invasion, and has even visited the site! He will bring pictures and artifacts, including those relating to Bud Lomell, a man who

received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest military honor, for his actions in D-Day, as well as the Silver Star for bravery.

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Brick Township: Now & Then

Monday, June 20, 2 pm, Brick Branch

Come join local historian Gene Donatiello as he takes us on a tour of Brick Township to see how the town has grown and changed over the past decades.

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The Sunken Locomotives of Long Branch

Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 pm, Upper Shores Branch

Come hear the true story of two very old locomotives found in nearly 90 feet of water five miles off Long Branch, New Jersey. Exactly how they got there is still a mystery, but clues abound. Presented by Dan Lieb of the New Jersey Shipwreck Museum.

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Old Glory: The History of the American Flag

Thursday, June 30, 7 pm, Stafford Branch

Join us as we welcome author and lecturer Kevin Woyce as he talks about the history of the American flag. From its origin in the American Revolution to the addition of the 50th star in 1960, the American flag has gone through many changes. His in-depth presentation is full of historical images as well as patriotic music.

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Celebrating the Jersey Shore

Monday, July 11, 7 pm, Point Pleasant Beach Branch

Friday, July 22, 2 pm, Toms River Branch

Travel with local author Margaret Buchholz "down the shore" as she illustrates the shore experience over the decades. As fresh as their experiences are to the visitors, most activities are timeless — the fundamental attractions of the seashore resonate throughout history.

New Jersey Shipwrecks

[Saturday, July 9, 2 pm, Barnegat Branch](#)

[Thursday, July 14, 2 pm, Upper Shores Branch](#)

[Monday, July 25, 2 pm, Jackson Branch](#)

Travel the storm-tossed surf with local author Margaret Buchholz as she explores the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" -- a name bestowed upon the state's treacherous shoals and inlets. Come explore the history of the early Jersey Shore when it was a wild frontier of uninhabited and shifting sandbars, and learn about the development of the U.S. Coast Guard from its 1848 origin as the Lifesaving Service, through illustrations, photographs, and readings from the harrowing memories of survivors and observers.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm, Toms River Branch

Come meet representatives from the local DAR chapter. Learn about what they do and how you can find your Patriot ancestor.

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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.



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PRESERVING FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS LECTURE

Submitted by Gary Saretzky

Preserving Family Photographs

June 9, 7 pm

Pennington Public Library, Hopewell Valley Historical Society & Hopewell Museum

Virtual program on Zoom

<https://www.hopewellvalleyhistory.org/programs.html#FamilyPhotos>

Registration: <http://www.penningtonlibrary.org/>

Contact: Kristyn Friedlich, 609-737-0404

Since the introduction of photographic portrait studios in 1840, photographs have been among the most treasured of family records; but while most are long-lasting when stored optimally in archives, in the home environment, they are all too often prone to fading and discoloration. In this slide lecture, Gary Saretzky will provide guidance on how the life of family photographs can be extended so that they can be passed down to future generations. The lecture includes examples of how old photographs can be enhanced or restored in the computer after digitization.

Speaker:

Gary D. Saretzky, archivist and photographer, worked as an archivist for more than fifty years at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Educational Testing Service, and the Monmouth County Archives, where he was County Archivist from 1994 to 2019. A former chair of the NJLA Preservation Section,



Saretzky taught the history of photography at Mercer County Community College, 1977-2012. He has published more than 100 articles and reviews on the history of photography, photographic conservation, and other topics, including "Nineteenth-Century New Jersey Photographers," in the journal, *New Jersey History*, Fall/Winter 2004.

SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Submitted by Kathlyn Kelly, Adult Services Librarian, SCLS

The Jersey Shore: The Past, Present and Future of a National Treasure

Monday, May 23, 7 – 8 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5686380>

In *The Jersey Shore*, Dominick Mazzagetti provides a modern re-telling of the history, culture, and landscapes of this famous region, from the 1600s to the present.

Cannons by the Courthouse: Memory, Commemoration

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/5850948>

Scattered throughout the suburban Northeast are relics of past conflicts: cannons, tanks, artillery shells, and even helicopter gunships. Presented by Richard Veit, Ph.D., RPA.

When the Cock Crowed: Pathé and the French in Bound Brook in the 20th Century

Saturday, June 11, 2 – 3 pm

SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch, please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6055264>

In 1907, world leader French motion picture company Pathé established a film-processing laboratory on Lincoln Boulevard in East Bound Brook.

When the Calvary Came to Call: Juneteenth

Monday, June 13, 7 – 8 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6125584>

Juneteenth is a day set aside to celebrate, not just the good news of emancipation, but also a day to remember those who labored so long. Storyteller Michelle Washington Wilson will present stories and poems dedicated to the celebration of African American Emancipation.

When Watergate Changed the World

Tuesday, June 21, 7 – 8 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6172864>

Garrett Graff in his new book *Watergate: A New History* explores the full scope of the Watergate scandal.

Liberty: Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War

Thursday, June 30, 7 – 8 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:
<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6148488>

Take a virtual tour of this special exhibition including 360-degree photographs, close-ups of over 40 original paintings, and images of the original objects Troiani uses to inform his art. Presented by the Museum of the American Revolution.

New Jersey Architecture: Five Centuries in One Hour

Thursday, July 21, 7 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6127554>

Learn more about the wide variety of architectural styles, materials, and techniques that characterize different eras as found throughout New Jersey. Presented by Janet W. Foster.

Bon Voyage: 200 Years of Luxury Travel

Wednesday, August 17, 7 – 8 pm

Virtual Program please visit this link to register:

<https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6093135>

Learn about several trips that the Livingston and Kean families took between 1780 and 1950. Presented by Hannah Gaston.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 23:** The Jersey Shore: The Past, Present and Future of a National Treasure, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)
31: Cannons by the Courthouse: Memory, Commemoration, 6:30 pm, (SCLS - Warren Twp. Branch)

JUNE

- 1:** NJLA Preconference, Exhilarating Zines, 2 – 5 pm
2: *Grants as Opportunities for Growth*, 9 am, Atlantic City Free Public Library
The Lost Resort of Tucker's Island, 10 am, (OCL - Stafford Branch)
----**NJLA:** New Jersey Authors Speak 11 -11:50 am
----**NJLA:** Who's Out There? Information on Various Professional Historical Associations, 11 – 11:50 am
----**NJLA:** Now More Than Ever: Expanded Online Sources for Local History Research, 3:10 – 4 pm
7: D-Day June 6, 1944—Why Did It Succeed?, 6:30 pm (OCL – Toms River)
9: Preserving Family Photographs, 7 pm (Pennington Public Library, Hopewell Valley Historical Society & Hopewell Museum - Virtual)
11: When the Cock Crowed: Pathé and the French in Bound Brook in the 20th Century, 2 pm (SCLS – Bound Book Branch)
13: When the Cavalry Came to Call: Juneteenth, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)
14: New Jersey Shipwrecks, 2 pm (OCL - Upper Shores Branch)
15: When the Cavalry Came to Call: Juneteenth, 6 pm (OCL – Toms River)
17: Databases and the History of Juneteenth, 10 am (OCL – Little Egg Harbor)
-----D-Day, 3 pm (OCL – Toms River Branch)
20: Brick Township: Now & Then, 2 pm (OCL – Brick Branch)
21: When the Calvary Came to Call: Juneteenth, 7 pm (OCL – Little Egg Harbor Branch)
-----When Watergate Changed the World, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)
29: The Sunken Locomotives of Long Branch, 6:30 pm (OCL – Upper Shores Branch)
30: Liberty: Don Troiani's Paintings of the Revolutionary War, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)
-----Old Glory: The History of the American Flag, 7 pm (OCL – Stafford)

JULY

- 9:** New Jersey Shipwrecks, 2 pm (OCL - Barnegat Branch)
11: Celebrating the Jersey Shore, 7 pm (OCL - Point Pleasant Beach Branch)
19: Daughters of the American Revolution, 7 pm (OCL – Toms River Branch)
21: New Jersey Architecture: Five Centuries in One Hour, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)
22: Celebrating the Jersey Shore, 2 pm, (OCL – Toms River)
25: New Jersey Shipwrecks, 2 pm (OCL - Jackson Branch)

AUGUST

- 8:** Battle for Guadalcanal, August 1942, 7 pm (OCL - Manchester Branch)
17: Bon Voyage: 200 Years of Luxury Travel, 7 pm (SCLS – virtual)