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**Annual Newark Public Library Gala Will Honor Volunteers
and Community Leaders**

Three dedicated volunteers, each of whom has devoted over 200 hours annually to helping Newark high school students prepare for high school assessment and college admission tests, will be honored at the Newark Public Library's annual fundraiser, *Booked for the Evening*, on Thursday, November 5 at the Newark Club.

Lyndon Brown, Wilhelmina Holder, and Erika Jackson are part of the Newark Public Library's High School Academic Support Program. The program holds workshops twice a week, covering topics such as college and scholarship applications, financial aid, and college essay writing. It also helps young people prep for the SAT, SPA, and ACT, and includes annual college campus visits and National College Fair trips. Each of the three volunteers will receive the President's Award.

The evening also will pay tribute to native Newarker Donald Karp, Esq., former Broad National Bank CEO and New Jersey Historical Society president, for his Individual Support; the Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, beloved retired pastor of St. Lucy's R.C. Church for his Community Support; and PSE&G for its Corporate Support of the Library and its programs.

Donald Katz, founder and CEO of Audible, Inc., is the dinner chairman. Founded in 1995, Audible.com, currently headquartered in Newark, serves millions of listeners and offers close to 70,000 downloadable audio books, audio periodicals, and other programs. In 2004, Katz won the Ernst & Young *Entrepreneur of the Year Award* for New Jersey for his leadership of Audible.com. Prior to founding Audible, Katz was a journalist and author for 20 years; his work has won a National Magazine Award and has been nominated for several other prizes, including a National Book Critics Circle Award.

"Audible.com is committed to supporting the Newark Public Library, a major force in the intellectual, cultural, and economic life of the greater Newark community for more than a century. While the library is an indispensable resource for reading, study and research, it also serves the community as a critical leveler of the intellectual playing field." said Katz, noting,

“Audible.com moved our corporate headquarters to Newark two years ago because we wanted to be part of the city’s vibrant, diverse, and fast-improving ethos. We believe in Newark, and we believe in the Library. Like the Library, we are committed to education and literacy; our demographic comes from all quarters, from older adults to kids learning to read. Audible was always designed to be a place for serious readers who wish they could read more—and for the huge population of would-be serious readers who wish they had more time to read.”

Booked for the Evening will begin with a cocktail reception from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by the dinner and awards program. The event will be held at the Newark Club, 1 Newark Center, corner of Raymond Boulevard and Mulberry Street.

Tickets range from \$250 for individual guests to \$20,000 for a gold table sponsor. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Library’s Annual Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call CDK Events Management at 973-696-3783 or email lauri@cdkevents.com.

The Newark Public Library is New Jersey’s largest institution of its kind with a collection of more than 1.5 million books, audio and visual materials, and a unique collection of prints, posters, and historical documents.