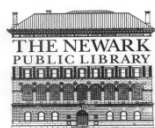


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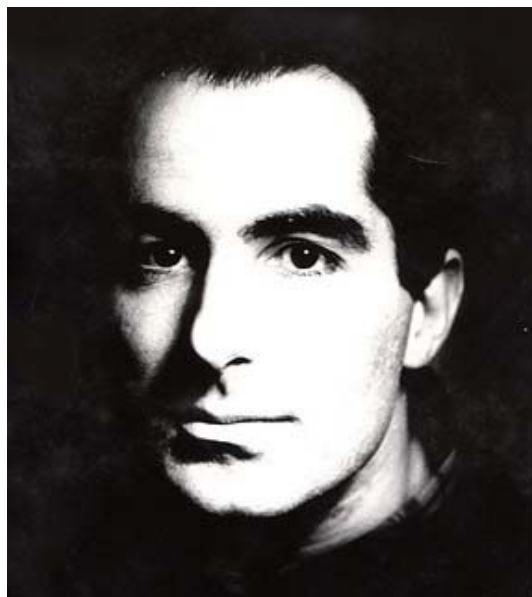
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Newark Public Library Celebrates Publication of Philip Roth Exhibit Catalogue



NEWARK, May 30, 2013 -- The Newark Public Library is pleased to host a reception to celebrate the publication of the exhibit catalogue, *Philip Roth: Photos from a Lifetime*. The 36-page booklet features photographs and text from the exhibit now on view at the Main Library. The reception will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Centennial Hall and on the Second Floor Gallery of the Main Library at 5 Washington Street. R.S.V.P. to 973-733-7793.

Comprised of photographs from Roth's own collections, most never before seen by the public, along with images from the Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, the exhibit marking Roth's 80th birthday on March 19, 2013 was curated by James Lewis and guest curator, Rosemary Steinbaum.

The photographs tell the story of his life from his youth in Newark to contemporary times, with images of his family, his friends from the Weequahic community, and his writer colleagues. Mr. Roth wrote many of the captions for the exhibit, and Rosemary Steinbaum carefully selected passages from Roth's books to complement the photographs and captions. At the preview for members of the Philip Roth Society, Steinbaum observed, "*From Goodbye, Columbus to Nemesis*, from the Newark Public Library to the Chancellor Avenue playground, Newark has been to Roth's writing what whaling was to Melville's: setting, theme, metaphor, and moral compass."

The Newark Public Library has enjoyed a long and close relationship with Roth. As a student, he used the Weequahic Branch Library on Osborne Terrace. *Goodbye, Columbus*, his first published book, featured the Library prominently. In 1991, John Cunningham, as President of the Friends of the Newark Public Library, invited

Mr. Roth to give the first John Cotton Dana Lecture here. When the late Charles Cummings, former Newark City Historian, supervised the New Jersey Information Center in the Main Library, he became friends with Roth and often supplied him with information about Newark's history.

Catalogues will be available for purchase at the event and at http://www.npl.org/Pages/ProgramsExhibits/Exhibits/Roth_order.pdf for \$15 each. All proceeds will be used to support the fiction collections at The Newark Public Library.

Philip Roth: An Exhibit of Photos from a Lifetime is open free of charge and will be on view through August 31 during regular library hours.

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