From 1883 to 1972 the Newark Evening News was the newspaper of record in northern New Jersey. After the paper’s demise, The Newark Public Library was elected to receive its morgue collection of clippings and ancillary materials. This great collection is of critical interest to generalists, historians, attorneys, business executives, law enforcement professionals, students and educators. For the past fifteen years the Library has worked to preserve it by transferring the nearly 2,000,000 delicate, brittle clippings to microfilm.

And this is only the first phase of the preservation project. In Phases Two and Three, 800,000 photographs and 380 index volumes will be digitized.

The New Jersey Historical Commission, the New Jersey State Library and the National Endowment for the Humanities have provided the crucial funds to preserve 1,500,000 of the clippings. The Library must complete Phase One of the project before it seeks funds for Phases Two and Three; and the Library needs additional grants and contributions to complete Phase One.

Financial supporters of this vital project should call George W. Williams, Director of Development, at (973) 733-5697.

A number of foursomes have signed up for this year’s Golf Outing fundraiser to be held at the Plainfield Country Club on Tuesday, July 23, beginning at noon. To ensure a successful event, the Library needs hole sponsors for each of the eighteen greens. A donation of $250 displays your organization’s name on a given green.

To pledge your support, call Dan Regan at (609) 924-5000 or the Library’s Development Department at (973) 733-7793.
The Director's Journal

On September 13, 2000, Mayor Sharpe James appointed Debbie Salas-Lopez, M.D., to The Newark Public Library’s Board of Trustees.

She is the Vice Chair of Clinical Programs/Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey—New Jersey Medical School (UMDNJ-NJMS), and the Medical Director of Focus Community Health Center. She is particularly interested in medical adherence in the Hispanic culture and is currently working on a pilot project that will lead to the development of a curriculum for the State of New Jersey’s first medical interpreter certification program.

Dr. Salas-Lopez is one of this year’s distinguished Association of American Medical Colleges Health Services Research Fellows. And she was appointed to the governor’s New Jersey Latino Health Advisory Committee.

Dr. Salas-Lopez is committed to promoting The Newark Public Library.

A year after her appointment, she was selected to chair the Board’s Development Committee. As chair, she is the primary liaison between the Library’s Development Office and the Board of Trustees. In this capacity she also serves as the Chairperson of the Library’s new Annual Fund Campaign and liaison to the Capital Campaign.

In January of this year, Dr. Salas-Lopez was elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

“Serving as a trustee enables me to give something back to the Newark community,” she states, “because the Library enriches so many lives. Working with my fellow Board members to advance the Library’s fundraising plans is my way of ensuring sustainable access to information and services for the citizenry of Newark.”

What does The Newark Public Library mean to you and your family? Consider the immense value derived from the Library by children, the business community, scholars and visitors to the computer centers.

The Newark Public Library celebrates the diversity of needs that we serve. We provide the optimum environment for patrons to enjoy free reading, viewing and listening materials and diverse cultural programs to enrich their lives, enhance their knowledge and energize their communities.

In the next few months we will conduct a survey to obtain your input on Library services and programs. We ask that you take a moment to reflect on what the Library means to you, and then send us your ideas and suggestions when you receive your survey. I also encourage you to email your suggestions to our Development Office at wheatle@npl.org.

Our challenge is to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of the community—a challenge the Library strives daily to meet. In the upcoming months, we will begin revising our Service Plan. We will recommit ourselves to our Mission Statement, articulate our vision for the future and set new goals and objectives.

We want The Newark Public Library to be your library, a place that reflects who you are. If you have not been to the Main Library or the ten Branch Libraries in a while, I invite you to visit us soon. Remember, this is your Library.

Debbie Salas-Lopez, M.D.
This is the first in a continuing series of articles about NPL’s Branch Libraries. All Branches offer certain services such as Club Success homework-assistance classes, and such amenities as computers and photocopiars. In this series, however, we shall discuss the customized collections and services that individual Branches provide to meet the needs of the communities they serve... the strategic partnerships they have forged with the community—such as the Liberty Science Center demonstrations and the Kindergarten Class Trips—that have enabled the Branch Library system to be a cultural anchor in the neighborhood.

Our focus in this issue is on the Branch Brook and Clinton Branches.

**Branch Brook Branch, 235 Clifton Avenue, (973) 733-7760, located between Park Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue**

What began as a storefront library in 1946 has since evolved and moved in 1966 to its present 7,500-square-foot facility that houses 20,000 books and magazines—including a Spanish-language collection. Adult services are provided on the upper level, children’s services on the lower level.

Branch Brook serves many schools: Barringer High School, Franklin, McKinley, St. Lucy’s, Branch Brook, Gladys Hillman Jones Middle School, Refuge of Hope, Dr. William Horton, Sussex Avenue and Warren Street.

Adult activities at the Branch include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, informal computer instruction, and community meetings. Community-specific programs include a “Soul Food Dinner” and activities that reflect Hispanic traditions.

**Clinton Branch, 739 Bergen Street, (973) 733-7757, located between W. Bigelow Street and W. Runyon Street**

This Branch is one of the eight original community branch libraries. Its façade and its original layout have remained essentially unchanged since it opened in 1925.

The Adult Room, located on the first floor, houses approximately 10,000 books and general-interest magazines. The Children’s Room, located on the second floor, has a collection of about 12,000 books and children’s magazines, including a modest collection of Spanish-language books.

The Clinton Branch serves a number of schools: Avon Avenue, Belmont Runyon, William Brown Academy, Clinton Avenue, Blessed Sacrament, Harold Wilson, Hawthorne Avenue, Peshine Avenue, Louise A. Spencer, Malcolm X Shabazz High School and University High School.

Each month one program or activity focuses on a holiday or community-based celebration.

Daily children’s activities include arts and crafts, games, film programs and story hours. If asked, the Branch staff will present programs designed to complement school lesson plans. The staff offers programs and library orientations for scheduled visits by elementary, preschool and nursery school groups, and is host to the PAL’s Program for preschoolers.

Community groups use the facility for meetings. Groups from many schools and organizations have visited the branch. These include: International Youth Organization, the Greater Mt.

Deloris Moses, Branch Manager and Children’s Librarian, is assisted by Belvin Walker. Jearleen Richardson assists Wilhelmina Person, Head of Adult Services. Danielle Oglesby serves as a part-time monitor.
Pictured is a work from each of the two exhibitions on view at the Main Library through the beginning of June: *Portraits and People in Original Prints*, Second-Floor Gallery; *Where, When and Who Took That Photograph?*, Third-Floor Gallery.

The forthcoming summer exhibitions—dates and titles subject to change—are *Circus Posters & Prints* plus *Historic Greeting Cards from the Past Century*, Second-Floor Gallery, June 12 through September 14, 2002; *Great Posters to Celebrate the World of Art*, Third-floor Gallery, June 25 through September 21, 2002.

**Exhibitions at the NPL**

With spring turning to summer, our thoughts turn to vacation. For help in planning a day trip in New Jersey or one farther afield, visit some of the websites listed below. (The Library offers them as examples and does not “endorse” their content.)

- [www.state.nj.us/travel/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/travel/index.html)—this is the official travel and tourism page for New Jersey. Take a virtual tour of some great destinations in the Garden State.
- [www.access-able.com/graphical_index.html](http://www.access-able.com/graphical_index.html)—focuses on the disabled and/or mature traveler. This site provides accessibility information for attractions, accommodations, transportation and cruise ships. It also gives toll-free TTY numbers for car rentals, major hotel chains and government agencies.
- [www.bedandbreakfast.com](http://www.bedandbreakfast.com)—search by city, keyword, or amenity for nearly 26,000 bed and breakfasts and inns worldwide.
- [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)—offers users a choice of maps, as well as door-to-door or city-to-city driving directions.
- [www.shawguides.com](http://www.shawguides.com)—explore more than 3,000 educational vacations and creative career programs worldwide: arts and crafts, writing conferences, sports and language workshops. Search by state, country, activity or month.
- [www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)—planning and booking tools, fare finders, custom-made mini tour guides, cruise finders and special deals on travel.

To find more sites, click on “Internet & Electronic Resources” on the Library’s home page ([www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org)), and then select “Guides to Selected Internet Sites.”

Patrons may call the Arts & Humanities Reference desk at (973) 733-7820 for further information.
During the past few months, the Library was packed with standing-room-only audiences at a multitude of programs, as witnessed by the ones we captured here. Be sure to make the NPL your first choice for top-notch free cultural programs. To find out more about what’s happening at your library, visit www.npl.org and click on “Programs,” call the Program Hotline at (973) 733-5643, or call Herb Williams, Program Coordinator, at (973) 733-3610.

The sultry sounds of Black Tie lead the audience down memory lane in the “Motor City” program.

Lenworth Gunther, Ph.D. (right), was the keynote speaker at the February program of the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society. Pictured with him are Library Director Dr. Alex Boyd and Dorcheta Moore, Chairwoman of the Society.

Newark high school students take a break during discussion of Jackie Hardrick’s novel, Imani in Young Love and Deception.

Author E. Lynn Harris previews his book at Black History Month program.

Eldrick Bashefull selects a dance partner at the live history of the blues program, entitled “Café Newark-The NPL Juke Joint.”


Fernando Ferrer (second from left), former Bronx-Borough president and 2001 New York City mayoral candidate, was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Latino lecture series for the Library’s New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center. Pictured with him are Dr. Olga Jimenez-Wagenheim of Rutgers University, Chairwoman of the NJHRC’s Organizing Committee; Councilman Luis A. Quintana; and Library Director Dr. Alex Boyd.

Ronnell Bey belts out a tune during February 14 tribute to Billie Holliday.

NPL Carousel of Programs
Three staff members and a trustee have received accolades for their myriad services to the community—services that help make The Newark Public Library a leader among New Jersey libraries. The Second Century is honored to inform its readers of their accomplishments.

Ingrid Betancourt, Coordinator of Multicultural Services, was inducted into the City of Newark Women's Hall of Fame. Mayor Sharpe James selected Ms. Betancourt in honor of her significant contributions to the City of Newark and its residents.

Charles F. Cummings, Assistant Director for Statewide Outreach and Special Collections, received the William M. Ashby Community Service Award from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson. The award, named for the founder of the Essex County Urban League, was bestowed upon Mr. Cummings because “he helps Newark remember itself . . . and is the keeper of our collective memory of Newark.”

The Rutgers University Board of Governors named history professor Clement Alexander Price as a Rutgers Distinguished Service Professor. Dr. Price, a Newark Public Library Trustee, was honored for his unwavering commitment to the ideas of community and his sustained impact on the development of cultural, civic, educational and academic institutions in Newark and New Jersey.

Ina Rimpau, Bilingual Reference and Acquisitions Librarian, received the 2002 REFORMA Northeast Chapter’s Pura Belpére Award in recognition of her outstanding library work with Latino communities. REFORMA is a national organization that has sought actively to promote the development of Spanish-language and Latino-oriented collections, services and support networks. Pura Belpére was the first Hispanic librarian at the New York Public Library. Her story, Perez and Martina, first published in 1932, remains a classic of children’s literature.

The NPL salutes them—one and all!
Check out these books
Authors at the Library

During the Library’s Black History Month celebration, we received the history of the origin of the United Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation Northern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. Making the presentation were officers of the Sardonias Consistory #41, Prince Hall Affiliation, in Newark: (from left) Lawrence S. Holder, Illustrious Grand Inspector General; George E. Harvest, Illustrious Grand Inspector General; Garrett L. Winn, Illustrious Commander in Chief. To the right of Library Director Dr. Alex Boyd is Illustrious Sovereign Grand Inspector General Herbert M. Douglas, the Deputy of the Orient (New Jersey).

William J. Dane, the Library’s Keeper of Prints and Posters, looks on as James E. Jones signs posters of one of his four works that was included in the Library’s Black History Month exhibition.

Gene Heinemeyer (right) interviews Elizabeth Vrato, author of THE COUNSELORS: Conversations With 18 Courageous Women Who Have Changed the World. Ms. Vrato presented Library Director Dr. Alex Boyd with a copy of her novel after the interview. Mr. Heinemeyer hosts the Library’s weekly radio program, “The Newark Public Library On-the-Air.” It’s broadcast on Saturdays at 7am on WNSW, 1430 on the AM dial. On a time-available basis, it airs early Sunday mornings on WPAT-AM (930 on the dial). Portions also air as part of Gene Heinemeyer’s nationally syndicated “Gateways” program. Recent broadcasts have included mentions of the Library’s Black History Month celebration, the Fernando Ferrer program, and an interview with author Jackie Hardrick.

Wilma Grey, Assistant Director for Community Library Services, accepts a copy of Imani in Young Love and Deception from author Jackie Hardrick.

A special thanks to Gene Heinemeyer, host of the Library’s weekly radio program, for his donation of more than 50 novels from the authors he interviewed. Our Library prospers when good friends donate books and other materials for our many thousands of users.
11th Annual Book Sale is a closed book

In addition to expressing gratitude to the volunteers for their valuable time before and during the sale, Jerry Caprio, Book Sale Chair, extended a special “thank you” to the patrons who supported this year’s blockbuster event.

Numerous volunteers helped sort the thousands of books before the sale and assisted patrons during the sale. A few took a moment to pose during the sorting:
(from left) Suzanna Bienkowski, Jerry Caprio (Book Sale Chair), Jeremiah Riley and Josephine Santillo.

Junior Tutors add new dimension to Club Success

Thanks to a $100,000 grant from the Lucent Technologies Foundation, the Library’s Club Success after-school, homework-assistance program has taken on a new dimension. A portion of the funding enabled the hiring of junior tutors and enhanced their skills through the development of the TechEd Institute. The ten young adults received eight hours of training in the use of computer-based learning applications, library research resources (online catalog) and the Internet in the study of mathematics, science and technology.

What does having junior tutors mean to Club Success?

“The junior tutors provide additional homework assistance and serve as role models to the students who attend the homework clubs,” states Michele Cappetta, the Library’s Youth Services Coordinator. “The addition of these peers enables the Club Success teachers to manage their time better,” she explained, “and provide more help to students who need extra attention.”

Junior tutors themselves benefit from the program. It increases their sense of responsibility, develops their leadership skills, encourages teamwork and prepares them for future community involvement.

The Library’s “honor roll” of Junior Tutors: (Standing, from left), Jamilla Jordan, 12th grade, Arts High School, Madison Branch Library; Javéé Smith, 9th grade, Arts High School, Weequahic; Tamara Stokes, 10th grade, Central High School, Springfield; Darnella Gaions, 10th grade, Essex County Vo-Tech High School, Roselle; Derek A. Wilkerson, 10th grade, Technical Career Center, Main Library; (seated), Marisol Davila, 10th grade, Bloomfield Vo-Tech, First Avenue; Carmel Cepeda, 10th grade, Bloomfield Vo-Tech, Branch Brook; Aida Luz Rivera, 10th grade, Science High, North End; Tarae Howell, 11th grade, University High School, Clinton. Absent from photo: Michelle Amador, 11th grade, Arts High School, Van Buren.