The Newark Public Library celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of our legendary second director (from 1902 until his death in 1929) with a two-month exhibition that concluded on September 2. William J. Dane, Keeper of Prints, Posters and Works of Art on Paper, and Bruce E. Ford, Assistant Director for Access Services, curated the show, which was entitled *A Tribute to John Cotton Dana, Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of His Birth*. It focused on Dana’s multifaceted contributions to education and culture in Newark, including his influence on some of the city’s leading institutions.

Dana’s profound influence on the library profession is evidenced by his many innovations, including open book stacks, library services to children, materials for the business sector, library advertising and printing, and collections in many languages for the immigrant populations.

In addition to the exhibition, the Library and the Newark History Society sponsored a panel discussion on *Civic Life in Newark: The Legacy of John Cotton Dana*. Mary Sue Sweeney Price, Director of The Newark Museum, Dr. Steven J. Diner, Provost of Rutgers-Newark, Ezra Shales, Assistant Professor at Alfred University, and Wilma J. Grey, Library Director, comprised the panel. Thanks to the insightful comments by the panelists, the audience learned much about Dana’s work at the Library, his continuing legacy at The Museum, and his links to Newark’s educational community.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Library published a pamphlet, *A Champion of Individual Liberty*, written by Bruce E. Ford. Copies of the pamphlet are available at NPL locations, or one may view it on our website: www.npl.org.

The exhibition and panel discussion were a fitting tribute to the man who was a nationally respected leader in the fields of librarianship and museum studies—and a person who found beauty in everyday objects.
A year ago I became Director of the Newark Public Library. The past twelve months have been a time of non-stop activity, incredible change and numerous accomplishments that were achieved through the efforts of a talented, energetic staff. Here are some of the highlights:

With the completion of a fifteen-year project to rejuvenate the Branch Libraries, the Main Library became the focus of an extensive lobby restoration project. At a festive February dedication ceremony, the Library unveiled a widened Washington Street entrance, attractive new service desks, new book cases and display cases, and a large media center.

Successful major exhibitions were installed, such as *Photo by Dorer: American Photographer and New Jersey Chronicler; Small Towns, Black Lives: African American Communities in Southern New Jersey; A Tribute to John Cotton Dana, Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of His Birth;* and *Robert Sabuda: Travels in Time and Space.*

Several reference desks were combined to create one Central Reference service point on the second floor of the Main Library for easier patron access to print and electronic reference resources as well as for greater assistance by reference librarians.

Two public computer areas were relocated and expanded: the Victoria Technology Center, which provides a large number of public computers for Internet, email and word processing functions; and the Technology Training Center, where computer classes are held.

Many distinguished authors and lecturers made presentations at the Library, including Hugh Price, Philip Roth, Toni Staton Harris, Barbara Kukla, Dr. Clement A. Price, Sibyl Moses, Amiri Baraka, and Lucy Ann Hurston.

Wi-Fi capability was provided, so that patrons could use their laptops and wireless devices in the library.

*Clavis,* the Library’s new online catalog, was installed, enabling patrons to do searches on-site or off-site utilizing robust search options.

The Gertrude Fine Prints Endowment Fund was established through the extraordinary generosity of NPL’s Supervising Librarian and Keeper of Prints, William J. Dane; and the Robert Treat Endowment was established by Assistant Director Charles F. Cummings (shortly before his untimely death) to bolster the purchase of Newark and New Jersey materials.

I look with much anticipation to another fulfilling year of progress and achievement.

*Wilma J. Grey, Director*

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**ICF awards grant for ESOL program**

The Library and Independence Community Foundation have again formed a partnership to benefit Newark residents. This time ICF has awarded the Library a $25,000 grant in support of our *English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)* program. These important funds enable the Library to offer three “terms” of ESOL classes at up to four Library sites. This important program improves critical literacy skills among Newark residents through classes and activities at the Main Library and several Branch locations.

In the past, hundreds have attended conversation roundtables—the Library’s is one of the city’s oldest ESOL programs—receiving assistance in breaking down the language barriers they face each day. This has enabled many to complete job applications, secure driver’s licenses and feel more comfortable in English-speaking circles.

The first term is nearly completed. The fall term begins shortly—thanks to the continued support of ICF. For more information about registering, call the Library at 973-733-5412, 5411 or 7772.
Summer may be over, but the fun continues at the Library. Following is a partial list of what is planned for the fall.

• Saturday Programs @ the Branches (a systemwide program funded by a grant from the Newark Public Schools).

• The annual College Fair @ Springfield—Saturday, September 23, from 10:00am to 1:00pm—at which recruiters from more than 24 local and out-of-state colleges will be on hand. Also, the resumption of Springfield’s SAT Prep program on most Wednesdays and Saturdays. (Both programs made possible by grants from the Community Foundation of New Jersey.) Call the Branch at 973-733-7736 for details.

• The return of the ever-popular “Chess Night” on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Madison Branch, for third-graders to adults (call the Branch at 973-733-8090).

• The award-winning Club Success homework-assistance program that is funded by a grant from the Newark Public Schools.

For more information on what’s in store, visit any NPL location, or check out our websites: www.npl.org (programs for adults), kidsplace.npl.org (children’s programs).

The NPL celebrated “National Library Week” by holding the popular Create-Your-Own-Book challenge. In left-hand photo is winner Tania Gafanha (grades 3 to K category) with Van Buren Branch Children’s Librarian David Goodwin. Tania’s entry was entitled Kitty’s Sleepover Birthday Party. In right-hand photo is winner Miranda Agasto (grades 4 to 9) with Branch Brook Branch Children’s Librarian Rekha Gandhi. Miranda’s entry was 10 Sisters.

The Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge

A formal check presentation took place after the rally. Pictured are René O. Deida, Director, Community Resources, The Prudential Foundation; Michele Cappetta, NPL Youth Services Coordinator; Paula Baratta, NPL Eastern Region Branch Supervisor; and Deloris Moses, NPL Western Region Branch Supervisor.

The Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge

Eastern Region Branch Supervisor Paula Baratta reads a story to a captivated “rally” audience that included a trio of mascots: Corky (Library), Sly (N.J. Nets), and Ruppert (Newark Bears).

Young readers participate in the “Beth & Scott and Friends” show that entertained an overflowing audience at the kickoff rally for the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge.
New Research Tool Covers Today’s “Hot Topics”

A great new online resource is now available to NPL patrons: CQ Researcher. Covering the latest hot topics in current events, this database contains unbiased, thoroughly researched reports from experienced journalists. For those interested in important issues of the day, or students who are learning about current events, this database is an excellent resource.

What makes this such a helpful resource is the breadth of coverage. Introductory overviews, background information, chronologies, tables, maps, pro and con arguments, and bibliographies are included to give the reader a comprehensive understanding of a topic.

CQ Researcher provides several ways to access the reports. The site's home page provides a listing of the most recent report titles, current topics in the news, and a listing of new reports to come—along with the dates on which they will be made available. There is also a quick-search function. For those looking for something more specific, it is possible to browse by date, by topic, or perform an advanced search. The advanced search capability allows searching by keyword, report title, topic name, and date. The user has the option of restricting the search to specific sections of reports, such as the pro/con arguments. There is also an “issue tracker,” which lets the user browse for a listing of all the reports produced on a topic over time.

Particularly useful for students and other researchers, the database includes a section on how to cite articles retrieved.

CQ Researcher is made available to the Library through the Infolink library cooperative. Access is available in the Main Library’s Reference Center. For more information or assistance with this or any other database, please contact the Reference Center by phone (973-733-7779), or by email (reference@npl.org).

BOOKED FOR THE Evening
3rd Annual Gala Planned for November 9th

Join us on Thursday, November 9th as we host our 3rd annual gala dinner, Booked for the Evening. We are proud to announce that Ralph A. LaRossa, Vice President of Electric Delivery at PSE&G, will serve as the Dinner Chairman for this signature fundraising event.

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Earlier this year the Library was the proud recipient of a $25,000 donation from IDT Corporation to be used for the purchase of popular reading materials and the enhancement of our collection of music compact discs. This gift is yet another example of IDT’s outstanding commitment toward the Library’s mission of providing free and ready access to educational, informational, and cultural resources.

Since establishing its headquarters in Newark, IDT has been dedicated to enhancing the lives of all those who live and work in this community. Ongoing support of the Library’s collection development, literacy efforts and Annual Fund Campaign are true examples of this commitment.

In addition to financial support, IDT’s executive leaders have given selflessly to the NPL: Howard Jonas, President, has served on our Board of Trustees; James Courter, CEO, was the Chairman of our 2005 Gala; and Howard Millendorf, CAO, has been a constant advocate for support of the state’s largest municipal library system.

The Newark Public Library wishes to express sincere gratitude to IDT for continuing to be one of our dedicated corporate partners.

IDT Expresses Generosity

Once again, Plainfield Country Club in Edison, one of the area’s top private clubs, was the site of the Library’s “Book Classic” Golf Tournament in July. Golf enthusiasts enjoyed another fine day of food, fun, networking and golf while supporting the NPL.

The Library thanks those who helped make the event a huge success—especially Library Interiors and O’Gorman & Young for generously providing the dinner sponsorship and the hole-in-one sponsorship, respectively. We are pleased to announce that the Classic raised $10,000 in support of the 2006 Annual Fund Campaign.

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Representing the distaff side were Darla Stachecki and Jamie Rosenfeld, both of Cogswell Realty Group, and Melissa Scheffler, Chubb Group.

New Jersey Devils Co-Owner, Mike Gilfillan, (second from left) along with Robert Mullaney, Matt Gilfillan and Jeff Johnson comprised the MCJ Foundation foursome that took second prize in the “Book Classic.”

PSE&G colleagues Tim Comerford, Will Stephens and Mike Sylvester enjoyed a great day on the links.

Golfers line up putts on 9th green.
Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2006

Exhibition
Roots of Rythm: Dance in Latin America looks at the origins of some of the most popular dances and explores how, in many countries, dance was used as a unifying rallying point.
Second-Floor Gallery
September 12 to November 11

Programming
Thursday 9/14
Opening Reception for exhibition and programming features William Sánchez, award-winning Executive Producer of “Images/Imágenes” and the NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase. Mr. Sánchez will talk about the origins and hidden symbolism in various Latin American dances, and illustrate his talk with live demonstrations. Cultural Explosion, a popular salsa group, will provide musical entertainment.
Centennial Hall, 6:00pm

Saturday 9/23
Theater
José Can Speak
Linda Nieves-Powell, award-winning writer of YO SOY LATINA!, has written a new play about the male version of the Latino experience. The monologues in José Can Speak range from comical to serious and explore a variety of topics; they provoke insightful thought about what truly resides in the heart of a Latino man as told by Latinas. This is the New Jersey debut for the play.
Auditorium, 2:00pm

Saturday 10/14
Dance (Argentina)
Tango in the Afternoon
The passion of the Argentine Tango returns to the Library when TEATRO Sí, the premier Hispanic theater arts company in New Jersey, brings a very special music and dance performance presented by professional Tango dancers Carolina Jaurena and Carlos Acuña, along with their special guest musicians and singer. Carolina and Carlos are the 2006 Tango couple winners on the popular program “Sábado Gigante” on the Univison television network.
Centennial Hall, 2:00pm

Saturday 10/28
Dance (Andean Regions)
Fiesta Andina: Indigenous Music and Dance from the Andes
Two extraordinary groups, Taky Llaqta and Sumac Punchau, come together to present a dazzling performance of traditional music and dance of the Andes Mountains of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, using traditional instruments and featuring authentic, colorful Inca attire.
Centennial Hall, 2:00pm

Saturday 11/18
Dance (Mexico)
¡México Vive!
Calpulli Mexican Dance Company presents selections from its vibrant repertoire with the renowned musical group, Bamba NY. The performance-based event features interactive elements with the audience, as well as brief explanations about the history and symbolism of the dances and songs presented.
Centennial Hall, 2:00pm

All programs are free and open to the public.
For more information call us at 973-733-7772 or visit us on the Web at www.npl.org.
**Exhibición**

*El Baile en Latinoamérica: Las Raíces del Ritmo* explora los orígenes de algunos de los bailes latinoamericanos más populares y describe la manera en que muchos países utilizaron el baile como un elemento unificador.

**Galería del segundo piso**

12 de septiembre al 11 de noviembre

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**Programas**

**Jueves 9/14**

Recepción de Apertura de la exhibición y la serie de programas culturales. El galardonado productor ejecutivo del programa de televisión “Images/Imágenes” y el NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase, William Sánchez, presentará una animada charla sobre los orígenes y el simbolismo oculto en varios bailes latinoamericanos. La charla estará ilustrada con demostraciones en vivo y selecciones en video. Un grupo de salsa amenizará el evento.

**Centennial Hall, 6:00pm**

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**Sábado 9/30**

Baile (Puerto Rico) *Los Pleneros de la 21*

Una vibrante presentación de bomba y plena puertorriqueña por el principal grupo intérprete de este tipo de música autóctona de la cultura boricua en los Estados Unidos. Este programa combina bailes modernos y repertorio tradicional e invita la participación del público.

**Centennial Hall, 2:00pm**

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**Sábado 10/10**

Baile (Argentina) *Una Tarde de Tango*

Disfrute de un apasionado espectáculo de tango con los bailarines profesionales, Carolina Jaurena y Carlos Acuña, ganadores en 2006 del concurso de tango en el popular programa Sábado Gigante de la cadena Univisión. Teatro Sí, la principal compañía de teatro hispano en Nueva Jersey, presenta este evento cultural como parte de la celebración de la hispanidad en la Biblioteca.

**Centennial Hall, 2:00pm**

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**Sábado 9/30**

Baile (Regiones Andinas) *Fiesta Andina: Música y Bailes Autóctonos de los Andes*

¡Celebre las culturas de las regiones andinas! Dos grupos extraordinarios, Sumac Punchau y Taky Llaqta, deleitarán al público con su música autóctona, bailes ancestrales, instrumentos tradicionales y colorida vestimenta andina.

**Centennial Hall, 2:00pm**

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**Sábado 10/10**

Baile (México) ¡México Vive! La compañía Calpulli Danza Mexicana presenta una variada selección de bailes folklóricos acompañada por el reconocido grupo musical, Bamba NY. Este espectáculo incluye elementos interactivos, al igual que breves explicaciones de los orígenes y simbolismo de los bailes presentados.

**Centennial Hall, 2:00pm**

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**Todos los programas se ofrecen gratis y están abiertos al público en general.**

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The Library’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration is supported in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.
Hellenic Exhibition Inspires Book

In 2002-03 the Library mounted the much-viewed exhibition, *Remembering Newark’s Greeks: An American Odyssey*. The enormous amount of interest generated from the show, which was co-curated by Angelique Lampros and Peter Markos, inspired a book project that is near completion.

Bearing the same title as the exhibition, this limited-edition commemorative volume is being published by the Donning Company. The book, authored by Ms. Lampros, will include many nostalgic reminiscences from Greek Americans that lived in Newark’s neighborhoods. One such example is from Mary G. Maroulakos, who remembers her family’s neighborhood: “For the first thirty years of my life, I lived on West Market Street. Everything we needed was within walking distance. This was my world. Few of us had cars, we seldom rode on the buses, and only in an emergency took a taxicab. . . .”

The book features many historic photographs that illustrate and document Newark’s Greek community and its contributions. Businesses, churches, social gatherings and civic organizations are all shown. Most of the photographs were generously donated to the permanent collection in the Library’s Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and were featured in the 2002-03 exhibition. Many photographs and some artifacts have been digitized and made available by the New Jersey Digital Highway project. Major funding was provided by Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by Rutgers University. (Visit www.njdigitalhighway.org to search for images.) As previously reported, the collection has been preserved on microfilm and is available in the CFCNJIC.

To celebrate the release of this unique book, a reception will be held on Thursday, November 30 at 6:00pm in Centennial Hall. Angelique Lampros and Peter Markos, Co-chairs of the Library’s Hellenic Heritage Fund, will be the hosts for this memorable evening. Books will be available for purchase. To RSVP for the event please call 973-733-7793.

NPL and NJSO cosponsor program

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and the Library are cosponsoring a program, entitled *The Many Moods of Beethoven*, on Tuesday, October 10, at 6:00pm in Centennial Hall.

*The Many Moods of Beethoven* guides the audience through the works of early, middle, and late Beethoven, surveying the emotions he expresses in several of his greatest string quartets. The program demonstrates how he constructed some of his themes and emphasizes Beethoven’s determination to create his art in the midst of personal suffering.

The programs includes movements from the string quartets Op. 18 No. 1, Op. 59 No. 1, Op. 95, and Op. 135, as well as excerpts from his symphonic works.

For more information on this moving program, which is free and open to the public, call the Library’s Anthony Clark at 973-424-1831.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. The NPL has planned a number of exciting events in celebration. For more information, call any NPL location, or visit us at www.npl.org.
This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Federal Depository at the Newark Public Library. We are commemorating this major event with an exhibition, entitled *A Window to Your Government: An Exhibition Celebrating the Centennial of the Federal Documents Depository*, that will be on view on the second-floor gallery from November 27 to January 20. Laura Saurs, Regional Depository Librarian, is curating the show that will have several display cases devoted to each major section: “America the Beautiful,” “Exploration,” “Invention,” and “Famous Names.” Some of the items on view will be those depicting the planets and space travel, breathtaking views of America’s natural wonders, and unique inventions. Dry-sounding documents, such as “Report on the Construction of a Military Road,” can contain such gems as the 1863 view of the Coeur d’Alene Mission as shown in the photo at the bottom of this page.

The NPL’s federal documents holdings exceed 2,000,000 items in various formats: books, magazines, microforms, CDs, maps and posters. The collection contains primary sources on United States history and government: Presidential documents, Congressional publications on major historical events—such as the sinking of the Titanic and the Kennedy and King assassinations—and on current “hot topics,” such as homelessness and steroid use in sports. The collection also includes census statistics from 1790 to the present, as well as historic and current information on the military and on Native Americans.

As early as 1813, government publications were distributed to libraries around the country—the NPL became a depository in 1906—that housed them and made them available to the public. In 1963, the Library was awarded the distinction of being named a Regional Depository. At that time, the Library began receiving all items available and accepted the responsibility of keeping those publications permanently.

Patrons interested in using government publications may request them at the Reference Center on the second floor of the Main Library. At the present time documents do not circulate and must be used in the library. All of the government documents dating from 1976 to the present are listed in *Clavis*, the Library’s online catalog (http://catalog.npl.org/search). Many recent documents may be accessed on the Internet through links in the catalog. Older documents can be located using indexes found at the Reference Center.

For more information on the exhibition and the Library’s government documents holdings, call Ms. Saurs at 973-733-7812.
Harper Society Sets Schedule

One of the Main Library’s much-anticipated program series—the Frances E.W. Harper Literary Society, which is dedicated to discussing books on the African Diaspora—has completed scheduling the events for its upcoming season. (Below is a listing for the remainder of 2006.) Activities get underway on Saturday, September 23, when the Society will hold an information/registration period from Noon to 1:00pm in the Main Library’s first-floor James Brown African-American Room.

Dorothea Moore, Program Chair, said, “The majority of our programs are held on the first Wednesday of each month. They begin at 6:30pm.” For more information, patrons may call (973) 733-5411 or visit www.npl.org and select Programs & Exhibits.

- September 23: Information/Registration Event.
- September 27: The Learning Tree, a motion picture (107 minutes in length) that was written, directed and produced by Gordon Parks.
- September 30: A book signing and lecture by Dashawn Taylor, author of From Poverty to Power Moves. (This program begins at 2:00pm.)

At a special Saturday Harper Society program, Lucy Ann Hurston discussed and signed copies of her book, Speak, So You Can Speak Again: The Life and Times of Zora Neal Hurston.

Library Hours

Main Library
Monday 9:00am to 5:30pm
Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am to 8:30pm
Friday, Saturday 9:00am to 5:30pm

Branch Libraries
Monday, Tuesday 9:30am to 5:30pm
Wednesday 1:00pm to 8:00pm
Thursday, Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm
Saturday 9:30am to 1:30pm

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Can you dance?

The Library can! And we will “show” you how, since dance is the theme of this year’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The festivities begin formally at the opening reception on Thursday, September 14, at 6:00pm in Centennial Hall. William Sánchez, Emmy-award winning Executive Producer of New Jersey Network’s “Images/Imágenes,” will be the keynote speaker at the event that also includes a salsa band.

The exhibition, Roots of Rhythm: Dance in Latin America, looks at the origins of some of the most popular dances and explores how, in many countries, dance was used as a unifying rallying point for Latin America’s very diverse populations. From Tango to Salsa, from the Mambo to the Macarena, Latin American dance is enjoyed throughout the world, and the exhibition examines its roots in more than a dozen display cases. Ina Rimpau, Multicultural Librarian, curated the exhibition that is on view on the second-floor gallery from September 12 through November 11. For questions about the exhibition, please call Ms. Rimpau at 973-733-3637.

Four dance performances and one theater production comprise the program schedule—all of which are free and open to the public. Individual programs are detailed on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter.

Happy Birthday, Hooray for Children

Hooray for Children, which presents quality programs for the entire family, turns “35” this year. This long-running series features live performances by puppeteers, storytellers, magicians and theater groups. It will hold its opening event on Saturday, October 21, beginning promptly at 2:00pm. Below is the program list for the balance of 2006. For further information, visit kidsplace.npl.org/calendar.html.

- November 4: Caribbean Carnival Celebration. Join TAINO as they present a lively performance that is part of the Library’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration.
- December 2: Mr. Punch’s Christmas Carol. Beautifully crafted puppets tell the Dickens’ holiday classic tale of the man who hated Christmas, starring Mr. Punch as Scrooge.

At a recent Hooray for Children program, the audience participated in a presentation of “The Wizard of Oz” with Goodwin’s Balloovins.
John T. Cunningham, Historian and Author, to Present Dana Lecture

The Friends of the Newark Public Library will sponsor its 2006 John Cotton Dana Distinguished Lecture on Wednesday, October 18 beginning at 7:00pm. The presenter will be John T. Cunningham, the noted historian and author of dozens of books, articles and reviews on and about New Jersey. This prestigious award is bestowed on Newarkers who have distinguished themselves in the State or the nation.

Rebecca Doggett, Lecture Chairperson, said, “We are thrilled to have someone of Mr. Cunningham’s caliber present the lecture for this fundraiser for the Friends’ organization. We are dedicating the proceeds to the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center.”

The lecture is named for John Cotton Dana, nationally recognized leader in library science and community affairs, who was the NPL’s director from 1901 until his death in 1929. Previous lecturers include Dr. E. Alma Flagg, Dr. Clement Alexander Price, Barbara J. Kukla, Philip Roth and Richard Wesley.

For information about purchasing a ticket to this event ($5 for seniors/students, $25 for all others), or for further information, please visit the Friends’ website at friends.npl.org, or call Heidi Cramer at the Library at 973-733-7837.

Light Rail “Steps” from Main Library

Newark’s new light rail line, which connects Penn Station with Broad Street Station, has several stops (Washington Park, Atlantic Street, Riverfront Stadium, Broad Street Station) on its one-mile journey that are only steps away from the Main Library. The line is yet another convenient way to visit the NPL.