EWR Exhibit Soared

On June 14, the Library concluded an exhibition that had taken visitors to new heights. The show celebrated the 80th anniversary of Newark Liberty International Airport. Entitled *EWR Turns 80: A History of Newark Liberty International Airport*, this compelling exhibition enumerated the many “firsts” of the airport, including: the first paved runway; the first weather tower; the first airport restaurant; and the first illuminated runways for nighttime flights. Librarian James Lewis, of the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, curated the exhibit, which was funded by a grant from the Port Authority of NY & NJ. Susan Bass Levin, First Deputy Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY & NJ, was the honorary chairperson of the exhibition committee. Richard Koles, a professional photographer formerly with the *Daily Journal* in Elizabeth, lent his expertise in the development of the show.

Two highlights of the 80th celebration were a gala Opening Reception attended by numerous aviation enthusiasts and a panel discussion cosponsored by the Newark History Society. The discussion featured Lewis and Koles, as well as David Morris, retired operations chief at Newark Liberty International Airport.

For those patrons who were unable to view the exhibition, a commemorative booklet is available for the asking by visiting the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center.
Librarians from all over the state gathered in Long Branch at the end of April for the annual New Jersey Library Association Conference. Each year, the Conference brings together hundreds of public, academic and special librarians to learn about new resources and services, best practices, and notable developments in the rapidly changing world of libraries.

As I attended the various sessions, I was constantly reminded of the ways in which our librarians have built an infrastructure that allows us to work together, support each other and find ways to maximize services to our respective constituencies by sharing our knowledge and resources. The Conference itself was an example of that. Many librarians from every corner of New Jersey worked together over many months, giving of their time and expertise to plan this most successful event.

But even beyond the Conference, in daily practice, individual librarians assist each other with difficult reference questions, collaborative projects, and in many other ways. In addition, library organizations — such as the New Jersey Library Association, The State Library, the regional cooperatives and Rutgers School of Information and Library Services — provide broad-based support through advocacy, subsidized resources, grants and educational opportunities for staff members. The work of these organizations and their strong leaders make it possible for libraries big and small to expand their programs and services and to deliver better products.

So I take this opportunity to salute our fellow librarians and library organizations and thank them for their dedication and their countless contributions, which have proved to be so beneficial not only to The Newark Public Library, but to the library community at large.

Wilma I. Grey

Passing the President’s Gavel

At the May 28 Board of Trustees Meeting, the Library said thank you to Trish Morris-Yamba for her four years of dedicated service and leadership as President. Her numerous accomplishments include contributions to the Strategic Plan and the Main Library Expansion Concept Study, and the expansion of the Victoria Technology Center. Ms. Morris-Yamba continues to serve on the Board.

Officers were elected at the May meeting: Jeffrey A. Vanderbeek, President; Dr. Timothy J. Crist, Vice President; James Simmons, Treasurer; Dr. Gayle Griffin, Secretary. Jill Johnson, Sandra King and Bari Mattes (Alternate for Mayor Cory A. Booker) were welcomed as new Trustees. Dr. Clement Alexander Price was reappointed for another term.

Mr. Vanderbeek is the chairman and managing partner of the New Jersey Devils hockey franchise. He is also president and chairman of both Devils Renaissance Development LLC and Devils Arena Entertainment LLC. He is an active member of the Newark community, serving on several other boards.

James Simmons, Board Treasurer, joined Apollo Real Estate Advisors in 2003 and is responsible for new investments and investment management. Sandra King is managing editor and producer of New Jersey Network’s Due Process weekly law and justice series. Jill Johnson is chief operating officer for the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership, Inc. Bari Mattes is senior advisor to Mayor Booker.

The administration and staff of the Newark Public Library look forward to working hand-in-hand with the new Board to enrich the lives and expand the horizons of our patrons.
Summer is fun at the Library—especially for children. Numerous activities are planned, including the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge (through August 2), at which participants read books and receive incentives.

The theme for this year’s Challenge is Catch the Reading Bug. A festive rally on June 26 kicked off this cool summer program that has seen children read more than 150,000 books since the program’s inception.

Additionally, all of the Children’s Rooms will host daily Summer Fun activities, including board games, puzzles, movies, arts and crafts, and story time. For more information, stop by any location or visit www.npl.org/Pages/KidsPlace/src.html.

Teen Challenge and Blog
Teens (entering 8th grade and up) may participate in the reading Challenge this summer with a theme of their own: Metamorphosis. Teens may report with a new blog at nplteenspace.blogspot.com, or they may give a verbal or written account of what they’ve read.

Summer Films for Teens and Kids

Included in the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge activities is a colossal summer film program for teens and children. For a description of a given film, visit kidsplace.npl.org/calendar.html.

All films will begin promptly at 3pm in the 4th-floor Auditorium of the Main Library.

Teens
Blood and Chocolate (2007) Thursday, June 26
Eragon (2007) Thursday, July 3
Stardust (2007) Thursday, July 10
Princess Mononoke (1997) Thursday, July 17

Children
Charlotte’s Web (2006) Wednesday, July 2
Antz (1998) Wednesday, July 9
A Bug’s Life (1998) Wednesday, July 16
Bee Movie (2007) Wednesday, July 30

2008 Black Film Festival

The 2008 Newark festival, which is produced by The Newark Museum and funded by a grant from Bank of America, will feature a Youth Cinema Schedule at the NPL. These films will be shown at 10:30am in the Library’s fourth-floor Auditorium. For more information on these films call the Library at 973-733-7797 or visit kidsplace.npl.org/calendar.html.

June 30: A Picture Book of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Honest-to-Goodness Truth; Mrs. Katz and Tush
July 7: Wormhead; Roberto the Insect Architect; Tar Beach
July 14: Rosa; Duck for President; Galimoto
July 21: Honey...Honey...Lion!; Tug of War; Ruth Law Thrills a Nation
July 28: Kirikou and the Sorceress
**Staff Recognition**

Two staff members, Leslie Kahn, Supervising Librarian for Reference and Collections, and Paul Pattwell, Supervisor for Technology and Training, were appointed by State Librarian Norma Blake to serve on the New Jersey State Library’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future.

The task force was charged with recommending how libraries can meet projected demographic changes that include serving groups of library users who are increasingly diverse and older. It explored other trends and how libraries can fully utilize technological advances to serve the public.

![Staff Recognition Image](image)

**NJLA Awards NPL**

During its spring conference, the New Jersey Library Association presented the NPL with several top awards in Public Relations and Marketing.

* Barry Carter, feature writer for the Newark Star-Ledger, received the Journalism Award for his article about Lolata Greggs and NPL’s American Sign Language Classes.

* Our Irish Exhibition folder was the award winner for Program Announcements. (Brad Small, copy; Linda Lobdell, design; The Printer’s Place, printing)

* In the Newsletter category, our October 2007 issue received accolades. (Jenkins Graphics, design; Mariano Press, printing; J. Dennis Papp, editing)

**Consumer Reports at Your Fingertips**

Are you in the market for a new TV, a digital camera or a car? For years, savvy consumers have turned to *Consumer Reports* to receive impartial product reviews and ratings.

If you are unable to view a copy of the magazine, you may peruse one electronically by visiting us online at www.npl.org, then click on “Internet & Electronic Resources,” select the letter “M” and click on the MasterFILE Premier database. (Be sure to select the link “To use from home or work click here” and have your library card handy.)

In the “Find” box, type the product of your choice, and halfway down, stipulate *Consumer Reports* in the “Publication” box. Then click “Search.” A menu of articles will appear for you to read, print, download, or email.

This is another example of the library services available to you—24/7.

**Calling Young Actors**

Last summer, more than a dozen youngsters, ages 10 to 14, had the opportunity to experience the dramatic arts through the generosity of one of our donors: Carol A. Duncan. Thanks to Ms. Duncan’s continued funding, the “Kids Unscripted Theater Workshop” is back for another curtain call.

The program has been expanded to include four Branch Libraries (North End, Springfield, Van Buren and Weequahic) and a creative writing component in addition to acting. Class size is limited to 15 students per location. If interested, call one of the Branches—there may be some last-minute availability. The six-week event culminates with a grand performance at each of the four Branches.

As always, the Library is grateful for the generosity of donors who are committed to assisting us with enhancing and improving our programs.
The Library is the grateful recipient of a planned gift in excess of $112,000 from the estate of former Library Director Bernard J. Schein and his wife, Beatrice Schein.

Schein was a longtime NPL employee, having started his career at the age of sixteen. He led the NPL from 1972 to 1977 and also served a term as president of the New Jersey Library Association.

The Scheins’ bequest will be placed in the Library’s endowment fund in accordance with their wishes. The annual proceeds will be used for the purchase of books in the sciences, arts, and humanities. This thoughtful planned gift, coupled with multiple estate gifts from longtime Library friend and supporter Jean-Rae Turner, helped the Library’s endowment fund to grow to more than $1,000,000.

Gifts to the NPL endowment fund may be made through estate plans or through outright contributions and may be restricted to a specific purpose. Some of our significant restricted endowments include the Howell Fund, designated for books on Americana; the Robert Treat Endowment (started by Charles F. Cummings), which supports local history through the Library’s Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center; and the Gertrude Endowment Fund, established by sixty-year Library employee William Dane for the purchase of fine prints.

To learn more about the Library’s endowment funds, or to make an online donation, view Support the Library at www.npl.org. Endowment gifts will help ensure the future of one of Newark’s greatest educational and cultural resources: The Newark Public Library.

PNC Bank was a major sponsor for our Black History Month celebration. On hand for the check presentation were Sandra West, who curated the exhibition; Artie Collins, V.P., Community Development Banking; Joe Whall, Director, Client & Community Relations; Library Director Wilma Grey; Joseph Casale, Assistant Library Director for Finance and Development.

Save-the-Date for
The Newark Public Library’s
“Book Classic” Golf Tournament

Plainfield Country Club
Edison, N.J.
(One of the top private country clubs in New Jersey)
Tuesday, July 22
Lunch: Noon
Tee Off: 1:30pm
Dinner Reception: 6:30pm
For reservations and information call Joe Casale at 973-733-7841.

SAVE-THE-DATE
Booked for the Evening
Thursday, November 13, 2008
Cocktails: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm
For reservations and information call Sue Mazzeo at 973-424-1832.
Hispanic Celebration Promises “Reely” Good Time

Circle Thursday, September 18 on your calendars, for that’s the date of the Opening Reception for this year’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

The exhibition, which will be on view on the 2nd-floor gallery from mid-September to November 15, is entitled Reel Diversity: Film in the Hispanic World. Public programming will feature films and discussions that reflect change in Hispanic communities in such countries as Argentina, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain.

New Computer Classes Offered

The Library offers a variety of free computer classes—in English and Spanish. Tech-savvy staff members teach first-time computer users the basics (typing, using a mouse), while helping others to improve their skills with email, the Internet, and Microsoft Office products. Timely programs, such as tours of websites and databases about the African-American experience, are also provided, as are some newer classes:

- Beginning Genealogy: An introduction to finding your family roots using websites and databases available at the Library
- Blogging for Beginners: Learn how to find, subscribe to, read and set up your own blogs or Weblogs.

QandANJ: Chat With a Librarian 24/7

If Google isn’t getting it done, and you need reference help at 11:00pm or 4:00am, you can chat online with a librarian and get immediate answers. It’s all possible with QandANJ. Funded by the New Jersey State Library, this site is staffed 24/7 by librarians (including those at the NPL) to answer questions on virtually any topic.

Whether you are job hunting, seeking information about a health condition, looking for the address of a company, writing a school report, wanting song lyrics, or curious about other subjects, a professional librarian online with you will work to send you articles, websites, booklists, and other material. The information appears on your computer screen during your chat.

Why not give “Q&A” a try the next time you need immediate help? You can access it on our home page: www.npl.org and click on Programs & Exhibits.
Summer Exhibitions Planned

Summer will be a hot time for exhibitions at the Newark Public Library. Two are planned: one on NASA and the other on Art History.

**Over 50 Years of Major Art History** will be installed on the 3rd-floor gallery from July 2 to August 23. Gathered are several hundred items—rare posters, unique announcements, plus published brochures and pamphlets—of particular interest to those concerned with the study of Art History. Emphasis will be given to American and European artists from 1950 to today. For more information call William J. Dane, the curator, at 973-733-7745.

The 2nd-floor gallery will feature *Reaching for the Stars: NASA at 50*. On view from June 20 through August 20, this intriguing show will cover the past, present and future of space exploration at NASA. It will be co-curated by Laura Saurs, of the Library, and Kevin Conod, of the Newark Museum. For more information call Ms. Saurs at 973-733-7812.

Create Your Own Book Winners

After reviewing more than 200 entries in the Create Your Own Book contest held during National Library Week, a panel of judges selected the following winners. Congratulations to all who entered.

**Grades PreK to 3 Category:**

First Place: *A Day With George* by Janiya Copper (Springfield Branch Library)

Second Place: *The Masked One* by Denis Rudder (Branch Brook Branch Library)

Third Place: *A Night at the WWE* by Athony Espinal (Branch Brook Branch Library)

Honorable Mention (in Branch Library order): *Islands of Adventure* by Jelisa Negron (Branch Brook), *Swanee Bay* by Andrea D’Andrea (Branch Brook), *Turley Lost in the Lakes* by Abinaya Ravichandren (First Avenue), *A New Family Member* by Solcyre Burga (Van Buren).

**Grades 4-8 Category:**

First Place: *The Sun’s Special Surprise* by Yadirah Bradley (Roseville Branch Library)

Second Place: *Peppa Pig, The School Carnival* by Mathushanth Ravichandren (First Avenue Branch Library)

Third Place: *The Day My Brain Died* by Domar Cabrera (Main Library)

Friends’ President Receives The Provost Award

Patricia Bender, President of the Friends of the Newark Public Library, has received the Provost Award to acknowledge the valuable relationships that Rutgers-Newark faculty, staff and students have created with Newark and Northern New Jersey. Patricia’s award was in the Faculty/Staff Community Service category for her demonstrated leadership in connecting the campus with the community.

Be A Friend: Join/Renew Your Membership

Did you know that the Friends of the Newark Public Library support cultural and educational programs at the Library? That the organization provides funding for the Library to purchase new materials and update essential collections?

That’s why you should join/renew your membership now. Be a Friend. Help the Library enrich lives and expand horizons.

To learn more, visit the Friends on the web at www.npl.org/Pages/AboutLibrary/friendsbrochure.pdf.

Book Sale Bonanza Pays Dividends to Library

The Friends showed their expertise again with another triumphant Book Sale in April that raised more than $7,000 and saw their membership ranks increase. The Book Sale committee thanks everyone who made that possible.

At their May meeting, the Friends awarded the Library grants totaling $10,500.

One award benefits our Special Services department in its purchase of furniture, furnishings and American Sign Language Materials.

The second grant is for the acquisition of Young Adult materials for the Main Library and the Branches.

Thanks, Friends.