As Newark’s students return to their classes this fall, one of the most essential school supplies they can have is absolutely FREE: a card for the Newark Public Library!

Inviting the community to experience all the Library has to offer, Library Director Wilma Grey urges children, their parents and extended families to share the back-to-school experience by signing up for an NPL card. “A library card opens the door to a world of knowledge, culture, literature, art and learning for people of all ages, from the youngest children to our senior citizens,” she said.

The excitement of reading is evident at the Weequahic Branch where Charmaine Murphy has been bringing her daughter, Maureena, and granddaughter, Mikayla, since the family moved to Newark in 2002. Ms. Murphy was delighted to sign up the children for library cards at a block party she attended shortly after relocating to her new neighborhood. The girls, who just entered second grade, come to the branch nearly every day.

Having her own library card is important to Maureena: “Whenever I want to read books, which,” she whispers, “is all the time, I can go to the Library and take out great books that can teach you a lesson, tell you a good story and give you lots of facts.”

Mikayla says she received her first library card when she was five. Having her own card is so important to her she would “tell my friends who don’t have a card to get one. It’s exciting all the books you can read!”

The Newark Public Library issues cards free of charge to those attending school in Newark, city residents, employees of local businesses, municipal workers, and property owners. Cardholders may reserve books using the Library’s online catalog at catalog.npl.org and can access many of the Library’s databases from home or work at www.npl.org.

Take advantage of all that the Library has to offer and share the experience with your friends. You’ll be glad you did, and so will they.
The Newark Public Library has been very fortunate to call our many patrons “friends.” Over the years, these friends have shown their support through advocacy, donations, or contributing in many other ways. The Library staff and I would like to pay tribute to one of the Library’s very best friends, Joan Patricia McDonald, who unexpectedly passed away on June 9.

“Pat” was a highly respected administrator in the Department of Teaching and Learning for the Newark Public Schools. When the Library and the Newark Public Schools formed a partnership many years ago, the district provided generous funding for several special programs. These included a library orientation for all pre-K and kindergarten students, a series of Saturday morning children’s programs at branch libraries, and the well-regarded Club Success after-school homework-assistance program. Pat served as liaison and was instrumental in ensuring their success and continuation.

It would have been easy for Pat to simply do her job and go home, but she did so much more. Pat was a consummate educator who was devoted to Newark’s school children. She did everything she could to create opportunities in which they could excel. Right from the beginning, Pat formed a close bond with Library staff. Not surprisingly, she could always be counted on for help and valuable guidance.

Pat understood the role of libraries in facilitating educational pursuits, and we all knew that she cared about the Newark Public Library. But just how strongly she felt about us became crystal clear when one of her last requests was that her family and friends make a donation to the Library in lieu of traditional flowers. This has touched us very deeply. We do not have words to express our appreciation to Pat and to the many individuals who honored her wishes with memorial gifts. These gifts are enriching children’s programs and creating a positive, lasting impact on the lives of our young patrons.

Wilma J. Grey, Director

Gala Dinner on November 5
Booked for the Evening

The Newark Club, 1 Newark Center, will be the site of the Library’s signature fundraising event, Booked for the Evening, which will be held on Thursday, November 5. Donald Katz, Founder and CEO of Audible.com, will serve as Dinner Chair.

The evening’s program will enable us to recognize some of those who have made positive contributions to the Library and to the City of Newark: Donald M. Karp, Esq. (Individual Support); the High School Academic Support Program volunteers (President’s Award); PSE&G (Corporate Support); and Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Granato (Community Support).

Please join us for cocktails (6pm) and dinner (7pm) at what is sure to be a festive evening, celebrating the Library as a cornerstone of Newark’s civic and cultural life.

To purchase tickets for our 6th annual gala, or for further information on sponsorships, please call CDK Events Management at 973-696-3783. Proceeds from the event benefit our Annual Fund Campaign.
Hooray for Children Returns on October 17

From October through May, the Library’s Hooray for Children program series presents quality live performances by puppeteers, storytellers, theater groups and magicians. Each program, which is great fun for the entire family, is held on a Saturday and begins promptly at 2pm. All of the 2009 events will be held in the Main Library’s Auditorium.

Here’s the schedule for the remainder of this year. For further information, call the Main Library Children’s Room at 973-733-7797 or visit kidsplace.npl.org.

October 17 — Latin American Journey Featuring TAINO

Through traditional and original songs and stories, TAINO takes the audience on a journey through Central and South America and the Caribbean in this bilingual program full of audience participation. Presented by Encore Performing Arts, Inc.

November 14 — Native American Stories featuring Tchin

Join nationally known artist and educator Tchin, a Narragansett/Blackfeet Indian, as he captivates the audience with Native American stories, art, music and culture.

December 12 — Big Ideas for the Holidays with Patricia Shih

Seasoned perfectly for the winter celebrations of Christmas, Chanuka and Kwanzaa, Patricia Shih celebrates the holidays with laughter, beauty and excitement.

Another Fun-filled Summer

Hundreds of Newark’s children and teens enjoyed another summer by taking part in the Prudential Foundation Summer Reading Challenge at the Library. They read and reported on thousands of books, earned great prizes, and enjoyed such fun activities as story times, arts and crafts, and games.

The Challenge is Newark’s premier reading activity that is not only fun, but also prevents summer learning loss.

The Prudential Foundation donated $25,000 to the NPL to promote this six-week program, which was cosponsored by the New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library.

It’s Not Cool to Steal from the Library

Everyone knows it’s not cool to steal from the Library. But when economic times get tough, this idea is especially important. So Library staff took a new approach to remind patrons to return their books. They organized a contest asking Newark’s creative teens to design posters reminding all Library visitors how important it is to return their books. Given the popularity of graphic novels and manga, teens were asked to create their poster in any “comic” format they chose.

Nayyirah Sabir of the Madison Branch was named the winner, and Andrew Bates Jr. of the Weequahic Branch was the runner-up.

Nayyirah is a tenth-grader at Newark Collegiate Academy. She has been drawing since she could hold a pencil and practices nearly every day. Anime is one of her favorite art forms, and she loves reading manga, as well as participating in a dance company for young women.

Andrew is a senior at Seton Hall Prep School. He too has been drawing since preschool, and has worked hard to improve his drawing skills. Studying popular series like Dragonball Z and Code Geass has influenced his drawing style. He is even considering studying graphic design when he heads to college next year.

The Library will reproduce the winning posters and use them throughout the Library system to encourage all patrons of all ages to return their library items.

Nayyirah Sabir created her grand prize-winning poster in traditional American-style panels, and Andrew Bates, runner-up, created his in manga (Japanese style).
### PROGRAMS

**Saturday, September 19 • 2pm**  
**Children’s Program**  
**Dances from the Land of the Inca**  
Young dancers present a dazzling performance of traditional music and dance from the different regions of Peru, while showcasing each area’s colorful, authentic, attire. This performance by award-winning members of the Peruvian Arts & Folklore School features interactive elements with the audience, as well as brief explanations about the history and symbolism of the dances and songs presented.  
**Centennial Hall**

**Saturday, October 3 • 2pm**  
**Music & Dance Performance**  
**Ballet Folklórico Perú**  
One of most respected and beloved Peruvian folkloric groups based on the East Coast of the United States, this extraordinary group presents a rich repertoire of authentic dances from the Amazon, the Andes, the Coast and Afro-Peruvian communities.  
**Centennial Hall**

**Saturday, October 10 • 2pm**  
**Film Screening**  
**Soy Andina**  
The dazzling story of two women raised in different worlds — an immigrant folk dancer from the Andes, and a modern dancer from Queens, NY — who return to Peru to reconnect with their roots and an astonishing world of traditional dance and celebration. (Subtitled in English and Spanish.) Directorproducer Mitch Teplitsky will provide commentary and take questions from the audience.  
**Auditorium**

**Saturday, October 15 5:30pm**  
**Literary Event**  
**An Evening of Peruvian Prose, Poetry and Music**  
Enjoy a poetry reading by three contemporary Peruvian poets, the presentation of a new memoir, Las Luces del Retorno, by Tony Escudero and introduced by journalist/writer Liliana Bringas, and the vibrant melodies of Pablo Canela’s guitar.  
**Auditorium**

**Saturday, October 24 • 2pm**  
**Film Screening**  
**Waiting for Miracles**  
Every October, Peruvians worldwide flood the streets to honor El Señor de los Milagros (the Lord of Miracles). This fascinating documentary by Ulla Dalum Berg follows a Peruvian Catholic brotherhood as it prepares for this yearly procession in New York City. (Spanish with English subtitles.)  
**Auditorium**

**Saturday, November 7 • 2pm**  
**Musical Performance**  
**Tahuantinsuyo: Music of the Andes**  
The Quechua name for the Inca Empire was Tahuantinsuyo, which means The Four Regions of the World. Using a spectacular slideshow as a backdrop, this pioneer folk music group takes the audience on a visual and musical tour of the world of the Inca. Their rhythms, melodies and instruments are part of an ancient musical tradition and their haunting sounds transcend time and place.  
**Centennial Hall**

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All programs are free and open to the public.  
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The Library’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration is made possible 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.
PROGRAMAS

Sábado 19 de septiembre • 2pm
Programa Para Niños
Bailes de la tierra de los Incas
Bailarines jóvenes presentan un deslumbrante espectáculo de música y bailes tradicionales de las diferentes regiones del Perú, destacando la colorida vestimenta autóctona de cada área. Esta presentación de los miembros de la Escuela de Artes y Folclor Perú incluye elementos interactivos con el público, además de breves explicaciones sobre la historia y el simbolismo de los bailes y las canciones presentadas.

Centennial Hall

Sábado 3 de octubre • 2pm
Música & Baile
Ballet Folklórico
Perú
Uno de los grupos folclóricos peruanos más respetados y queridos en la región este de los Estados Unidos, este extraordinario grupo presenta un rico repertorio de bailes auténticos de las comunidades del Amazonas, los Andes, la Costa y las afro-peruanas.

Centennial Hall

Sábado 10 de octubre • 2pm
Película
Soy Andina
La fascinante historia de dos mujeres criadas en diferentes mundos — una inmigrante de los Andes que es bailarina folclórica, y una bailarina de danza moderna de Queens, NY — quienes regresan a Perú para reconectarse con sus raíces y experimentar un mundo asombroso de bailes y celebraciones tradicionales. El director/realizador, Mitch Teplitsky, y Cynthia Paniagua, una de las protagonistas, estarán presentes para presentar la película y contestar preguntas del público. Subtítulos en inglés y español. “Soy Andina tiene todos esos elementos de una película inolvidable. Hace la conexión entre el espacio y el tiempo, entre el presente y el pasado.” —Carmen Hulbert, periodista/cineasta

Auditorio

Sábado 7 de noviembre • 2pm
Programa Musical
Tahuantinsuyo: Música de los Andes
Tahuantinsuyo, el nombre quechua del Imperio Inca, significa Las Cuatro Regiones del Mundo. Este prodigioso grupo folklórico se dedica a la investigación y realización de música que constituye un elemento integral del patrimonio cultural de la mayoría de los sudamericanos. Sus ritmos, melodías e instrumentos forman parte de una tradición musical muy antigua y su evocativa resonancia trasciende el tiempo y el espacio.

Centennial Hall

Todos los programas se presentan gratuitamente y están abiertos al público en general.

Para más información favor llamarnos al 973 733 7772 o puede visitar nuestra página al www.npl.org.

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La Celebración de la Hispanidad de la Biblioteca recibe parte de sus fondos del Consejo de las Artes del Estado de New Jersey/Departamento del Estado, una agencia afiliada al National Endowment for the Arts y administrada por la División de Asuntos Culturales e Históricos del Condado de Essex.
Over many years, New Jersey artists have documented various symbolic images of our state. The Library has put on view items from our Special Collections Division that typify what residents see on a daily basis. This new exhibit is entitled New Jersey Through Artists’ Eyes: Garden State Iconography. Curated by William J. Dane and Chad Leinaweaver, it is on view in the third-floor gallery from September 28 to December 19.

The featured artist of the show is Helen Frank, a Springfield resident raised in Newark and Maplewood. She is known for depicting images of the state: children walking on the Jersey Shore, a busy commercial street in Newark, and even the vacant parking lot of the local Pathmark. Although she is known for her paintings, the images in this exhibit are of her graphic artwork.

The exhibition also includes the works of many other artists, including Helen M. Stummer of Metuchen, Hoboken-based Peter Homitzky, Glen Ridge’s Joseph Konopka, former Newark City Surveyor and photographer Donald Farkas, and several nineteenth-century engravers.

A special tribute is made to Lucille Hobbie, who passed away in 2008. Morris County imagery is synonymous with Hobbie, who had Newark connections early in her career, teaching at the former Newark School for Industrial and Fine Arts.

Ms. Frank will be a special guest at a reception and gallery tour on October 8 at 2pm. To RSVP for the event, or for more information about the reception or the exhibit, or to arrange a group tour, call the Special Collections Division at 973-733-7745 or email cleinaweaver@npl.org.
Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council Revisited in Historical Gift

The Library has received a considerable collection of materials on Newark’s Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council from a generous benefactor: Stanley B. Winters. The materials cover the area’s social and political history from 1956 to 1966. The core of this unique gift comprises minutes, announcements, news clippings, correspondence, meeting notes, and public statements. Also included is organizational information about the Council: election of officers, block-branch officers and activities. Along with these historical documents, Mr. Winters presented the Library with a generous monetary donation.

“This gift is an important addition to our vast archives of city history in the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center,” commented Library Director Wilma J. Grey. “The Stanley B. Winters Collection will soon be available to researchers.”

Mr. Winters is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he served for 35 years, along with positions at New York University and Rutgers-Newark. In 1991, he was awarded the J. Hlávka Memorial Medal of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences; and in 2003, the F. Palacký Honorary Medal for Merit in the Social Sciences by the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. He is the first American-born scholar to receive both medals.

He was co-founder of the Neighborhood Council and its chairman from 1956 to 1962, when he resigned to run, unsuccessfully, for Councilman from the South Ward. In 1965 he was a candidate for Essex County Freeholder.

For more information on this noteworthy collection, please call the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center at 973-733-7775.

Two Thumbs Up

The NPL is in tune with people who are frequently texting rather than talking on their cell phones. Newark residents may now send questions and get information from the Library’s reference staff via a text.

It’s easy to ask your question—especially when it can be answered in short responses (160 characters or fewer).

1. On your text screen, type newarklib, followed by a space, followed by your question.

2. Send your text to 66746.

3. If you text us during Library hours, expect an answer within a few hours. When it’s sent after Library hours, we’ll reply the next day we’re open. Replies may arrive as multiple text messages.

This Library service is free, except for the “texting” charges your phone company may impose. You may also reach our Reference Division by calling 973-733-7779 or emailing reference@npl.org. Be sure to add us to your Address Book.

Pictured in a Prague coffeehouse are Dr. Jaroslav Pánek, Chairman, Historical Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague; Mrs. Zdenka Winters; and Stanley B. Winters.

Pictured are some of the numerous family and friends, including NPL Director Wilma Grey (second from left, standing), who were on hand at the NPL when Lillie B. Rivers (seated) celebrated being named the 2009 Senior Library Director for a Day. Lillie is a native of Summerville, S.C., and moved to Newark 45 years ago. She serves as a member of the New Community Corporation Advisory Board and secretary of the “Oldies But Goodies Club.” Lillie is the secretary of the Pastor’s Aide Ministries at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in East Orange.
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The following is a selection of future events at the NPL. To RSVP for any of them, please email rsvp@npl.org or call 973-733-7793.

**Newark Will Get There First: The Legacy of Mayor Ken Gibson.** This panel discussion, which is co-sponsored by the Newark History Society, will be held on Tuesday, October 6, in Centennial Hall, beginning at 6pm.

**B&B: Baraka Book & Birthday Bash.** The program features young poets reading Amiri Baraka’s poems, short film screenings, and a book signing with Baraka. Thursday, October 8, Centennial Hall, 6pm.

On Tuesday, January 2, The Prudential Foundation and the Library will present the annual **Dr. King Commemoration Lecture.** The guest speaker will be Donna Brazile, columnist, contributor and political commentator for CNN, ABC News, NPR’s Political Corner, Roll Call newspaper, and Ms. Magazine. Centennial Hall, 6pm.

The exhibition and theme for the Library’s **2010 Black History Celebration** is **Fiat Justitia, Let Justice Be Done: The History, Struggles, and Civil Rights Accomplishments of African-American Lawyers & Judges.** The opening reception will take place on Wednesday, January 27, in Centennial Hall, beginning at 6pm.