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**Newark Public Library and New Jersey Center for the Book Celebrate 350 Years  
of New Jersey History**

The New Jersey Center for the Book will host their inaugural event for 2014, recognizing New Jersey's 350th anniversary, at the Newark Public Library on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

Essex County storytellers, the Mythmakers start the day with "350 Years of New Jersey History in Music and Story" at 11:00 a.m. This folkloric journey spanning New Jersey's history from the original Lenape people, through the Dutch, the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and into the 21st century will be presented through stories and music. Children will delight in tales such as "Lenape Rainbow Crow" and "The Battle of Trenton" and in songs such as "Yankee Doodle," "Free at Last," and Thomas Edison's first recording, "My Name is Mr. Phonograph," accompanied by the banjo, lyre, bodhran, and musical washboard.

Award-winning children's author, Trinka Hakes Noble, will be on hand to talk about her books. Her most recent, *The Legend of the Jersey Devil*, is a spellbinding tale about the origins of this mythic creature thought to live in the mysterious Pine Barrens. In Ms. Noble's 2012 book, *The People of Twelve Thousand Winters*, ten-year-old Walking Turtle of the Lenni Lenape tribe lives with his family in a small village alongside the Passaic River in the early 1600s before Europeans settled on America's shores.

The Navesink Maritime Heritage Association will provide a summary of their program presented in 2013 "Searching for Land and Religious Freedom in Monmouth County: a Symposium on Land and Sea."

A Revolutionary era honor guard will be on hand as George Washington greets all guests. This is your opportunity to pose with our first President for a photograph.

At 1:00 p.m., the Newark Public Library opens a new exhibit, "This Is New Jersey: 350 Years of Garden State History." Titled after a book by John T. Cunningham, the noted popular historian and prolific author who died in 2012, the exhibit includes excerpts from his writings. Curator Thomas Ankner and

special collections librarian Nadine Sergejeff will lead tours of the exhibit which features photographs and maps from the Newark Public Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and works of art from the Special Collections Division.

Elizabeth Del Tufo, longtime Newark resident, popular city tour guide, and President of Newark's Preservation and Landmarks Committee, will speak at 2:00 p.m. Following her talk, the New Jersey Center for the Book will showcase twelve award-winning public library programs they have selected for 2014 that will salute the state's 350th anniversary.

All of the events will take place at Newark's Main Library at 5 Washington Street and are free and open to the public. For more information call 973-733-7800.

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