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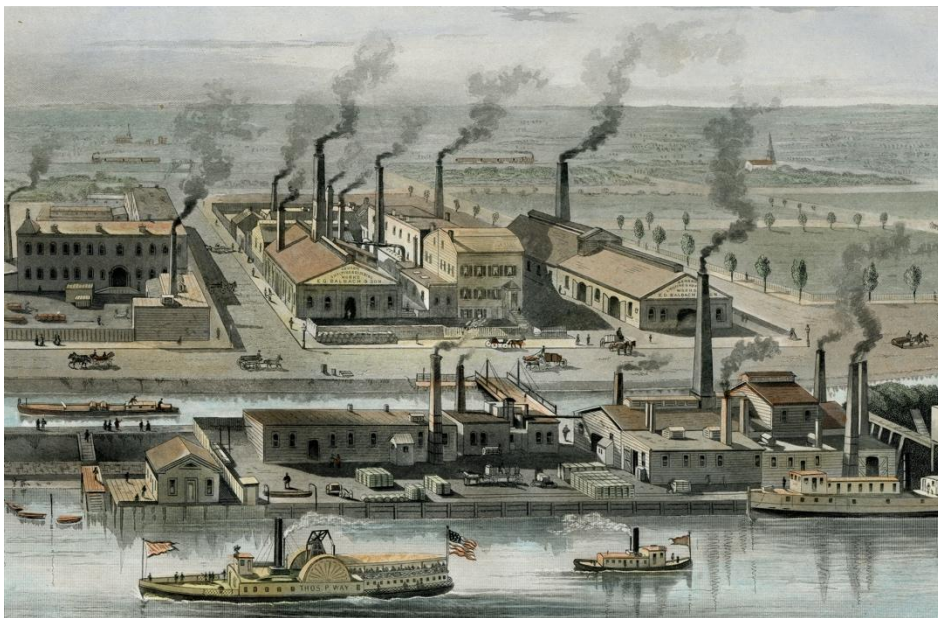
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### **Opening Reception for the Exhibition *Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal* and the program series *Newark Lifetimes: Recollections & Reflections* at the Newark Public Library**



Through photographs, prints, maps, posters and text, the fascinating new exhibit at the Newark Public Library, *Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal*, takes viewers on a journey through Newark's rich history from its founding by the Puritans in 1666 to the present day,

and chronicles events that have not only shaped the city and the state, but the nation as well. Curated by librarian Thomas Ankner, the exhibit cases are filled with unique images from the Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and its Special Collections Division. A dual arrangement of the cases provides both chronological and thematic approaches to the city's people, places, architecture, politics, institutions, and education.

Mr. Ankner is thrilled to share these Library treasures as part of the Newark 350 celebration and said "As Newark celebrates its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we take a look back at the entire 350

years since the founding. And we look to the future, as Newark seems yet again on the cusp of great things.”

The opening reception, on January 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm will also feature the first in a very special year-long series of conversations, *Newark Lifetimes: Recollections & Reflections*, hosted by local author and historian Guy Sterling. Mr. Sterling will interview notable Newarkers (and Newark history enthusiasts!) Victor Parsonnet, M.D. and Donald Karp, Esq.

Victor Parsonnet, an internationally recognized cardiac surgeon and researcher, spent most of his career at the Newark-Beth Israel Medical Center. He pioneered many cardiovascular procedures in New Jersey and performed the first coronary bypass surgery in the state.

Donald Karp who grew up in the Weequahic section of Newark is a lawyer, former president of the New Jersey Historical Society and member of the Newark History Society. He is former vice chairman of the Independence Community Bank and former chairman and CEO of Broad National Bank.

Mr. Sterling’s recent book, *The Famous, the Familiar and the Forgotten: 350 Notable Newarkers*, tells Newark’s story through the characters who have lived, worked, and played here.

This program is free and open to the public and will take place at the Main Library, 5 Washington Street. For more information and to RSVP, please call 973-733-7793. To check whether the Library is open in the case of inclement weather, call 973-733-7784.

The exhibition, which opens on January 19 and runs through December 31, 2016, will be on view during regular Library hours.

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