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Newark Public Library's *Booked for the Evening* Benefit Will Honor Retiring Director Wilma J. Grey



On Wednesday, October 14, Wilma Grey will be recognized for her contributions to the Library and the community at *Booked for the Evening*, a benefit for The Newark Public Library. The Cocktail Reception begins at 6:00 pm and the program at 7:15 p.m at the historic Main Library at 5 Washington Street. Ms. Grey will retire following a forty-six year career at the Library. She was named Director in 2005. During her tenure she managed the neighborhood branches, expanded literacy programs and emphasized outreach to diverse communities. She has been a key participant in Newark's cultural life, serving on numerous boards including the upcoming Newark Celebration 350.



Featured speaker Anthony W. Marx, President of The New York Public Library, will give a talk on reimagining libraries for the future. As head of the largest library system in the country, Dr. Marx is focused on the acceleration of digital initiatives, educational programs, and other innovative methods of serving the public.

The event is chaired by Richard T. Thigpen, Esq., VP, State Government Affairs, PSEG. Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. are serving as honorary chairs.

Generous event sponsors include: Prudential, Timothy and Gloria Crist, PNC Bank, PSEG, Rosemary and Rob Steinbaum, and Verizon.

Benefit ticket prices start at \$125 for individuals and at \$1,250 for corporate guests. Event journal advertisements are also available for purchase. Proceeds from the gala support the Library's General Operating Fund.

The Library invites you to join in honoring Wilma Grey, retiring after 46 years, by placing a Tribute Ad in the Commemorative Journal. Messages must be received by October 1, 2015 in order to be included in the printed journal. Tribute Ads are \$25 each and may be up to 25 words. Proceeds from Tribute Ads will go towards the Wilma Grey Book Fund for Young Readers.

For more information regarding tickets, sponsorship, tributes, or event journal opportunities, please contact CDK Events Management at 973-696-3783 or Lauri@cdkevents.com.

About the Newark Public Library

The Newark Public Library is the largest municipal library in New Jersey with a collection of more than 1.5 million books, audio and visual materials, and unique collections of prints, photographs, and historical documents. The historic Main Library is at 5 Washington Street in downtown Newark. The seven branches serve as neighborhood anchors in the City. Among the many free resources offered to the community throughout Newark are assistance with employment searches, cultural programs and films, exhibits, book signings, business research, and other events for adults and children. The Library is a vital part of the civic and cultural fabric of Newark.