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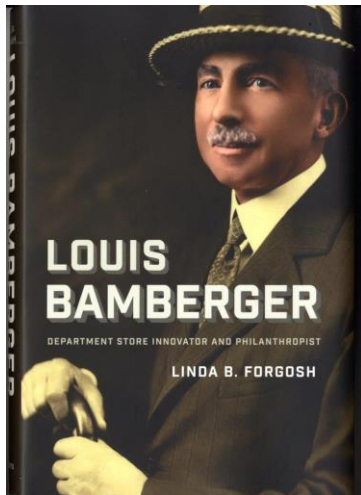
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Author Talk and Book Signing with Linda B. Forgosh at the Newark Public Library



Independent scholar Linda B. Forgosh will present an author talk and sign copies of her new biography, *Louis Bamberger: Department Store Innovator and Philanthropist* on Thursday, November 3, 2016, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street. The program is cosponsored by the Library and the Newark History Society.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the cover price of \$29.95. Cash and checks accepted. To RSVP, call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

Louis Bamberger, born in 1855 to German immigrants, was a department store magnate, merchandising genius, and came to be regarded as Newark's leading citizen. Bamberger built his business, L. Bamberger and Company, into the fourth-largest department store in the country. He was also an important and innovative philanthropist, supporting a number of important Newark institutions and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey.

Forgosh's biography has been praised by historians and Newarkers for its account of Bamberger's role in the city's economy and community.

"Extremely interesting and informative not only about Louis Bamberger but about the Newark of his day, which overlapped with mine. I speak not only as an



admirer of your book but as a Newark boy who worked at Bamberger's for two Christmases in the forties, during high school, as a stock clerk in the ladies' shoe department." — Philip Roth

Linda B. Forgosh is an independent scholar and executive director of the Jewish Historical Society of New Jersey.

The Newark Public Library is New Jersey's largest municipal library, providing collections and services at the Main Library and seven branch libraries located in neighborhoods throughout the city. The Library serves as a gateway to knowledge and lifelong learning, presenting programs that serve diverse audiences.

The **Newark History Society** aims to expand knowledge of Newark's past so that we may better understand the present. Founded in 2002, the Newark History Society organizes regular public programs, encourages new research, and sponsors the Newark Archives Project.

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