WHO CAN WE HELP?

The Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center (New Jersey Room) is open to all. We help genealogists, researchers, community members, authors, and students of all ages.

HOURS

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PROGRAMMING

The Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center (New Jersey Room) also hosts panels, exhibits and programs. Past programs can be found on the Newark Public Library Youtube. They cover topics ranging from the Newark Rebellion to early hospitals to nightlife!
THE CFCNJIC

The Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center (New Jersey Room) is a research-level collection of materials relating to New Jersey, Essex County and Newark. It includes both historical and current information and celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2021.

CHARLES CUMMINGS

Mr. Cummings, Assistant Director of Special Collections and Statewide Outreach, passed away on December 21, 2005. He was a valued employee since joining The Newark Public Library on July 15, 1963, and was recognized as the Newark City Historian and the expert source for “everything Newark”.

OUR COLLECTIONS

The New Jersey Room has the following types of items:

- **Newspapers**: Dozens of newspapers from across the state including the full run of the Newark Evening News & Star Ledger on microfilm. Newark News to 1923 digitized at digitfind-it.com/newark. More digitization in progress!

- **Newspaper Clippings Files**: On various topics including the clippings file of the Newark Evening News with hundreds of thousands of subjects

- **Photos**: Search at catalog.npl.org:81/. Over 1.8 million images from the Newark News and Star Ledger collections, among others, which span the state of New Jersey.

- **Archives**: Search at https://newarkpubliclibrary.libraryhost.com. 300+ collections of historical papers, documents, photos, ephemera, etc. from across the state.

- **Government Documents**: Collection of city, county, and state documents. Quasi documents include non-profit organizations from across the state.

- **Maps**: Maps of Newark and across New Jersey. Most Newark maps are online at digital.npl.org.

- **City Directories and Telephone Books**: Full run of city directories from Newark at digital.npl.org, as well as physical directories from cities and towns across NJ. NJ Bell phonebooks on microfilm span 1908-1990 for the whole state.

- **Books**: Search at catalog.npl.org. Includes history books from across the state, as well as a collection of fiction books by NJ authors.

- **Yearbooks**: We’ve digitized and continue to digitize yearbooks back to the 1910s at npl.org/yearbooks

- **Digital Collections**: At digital.npl.org. Materials are being added continually!

From our collection, Newark panorama.