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Newark Landmark Treasures book
published by the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee
launches at the Newark Public Library

On Wednesday, December 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. the Newark Public Library will host the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee’s annual meeting and a book launch party for its newest publication, Newark Landmark Treasures: A Guide to the Landmark Buildings, Parks, Public Art & Historic Districts in New Jersey’s Metropolis.

Published on the occasion of the 350th Anniversary of the founding of Newark, Newark Landmark Treasures brings together, for the first time, narratives of Newark’s buildings, parks, public art, and historic districts that are on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Copies will be available for purchase for $14.95, by cash or check. Newark Landmark Treasures will be a wonderful addition to anyone’s personal library about the city, and would be an excellent holiday gift.

Compiled by Preservation & Landmarks Committee members Mark W. Gordon and Anthony Schuman, this well-researched work features photos by Matthew Gosser. Six years in the making, it is a thoughtful, concise volume of Newark’s impressive architectural legacy. Organized by different types of buildings and landmarks, the entries are listed by the original use of the landmark and chronologically within each landmark type.
“Newark Landmark Treasures will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of this great and diverse city,” said Thomas Alrutz, Interim Director of the Newark Public Library, who serves as the treasurer of the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee. “This book is the Preservation & Landmarks Committee’s contribution to NewarkCelebration350, and a lasting contribution to our understanding of the city’s built environment.”

The program will be held in Centennial Hall on the second floor of the Main Library at 5 Washington Street in Newark.

Also, on view before and after the program, on the Library’s Third Floor Gallery, is the exhibit Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal, which 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 the 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.

The exhibit, which is supported by the New Jersey Historical Commission, runs through December 31, 2016, and is on view during regular Library hours.

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