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FRIENDS OF THE JAMES BROWN AFRICAN AMERICAN ROOM

Phyllis Theresa DuPree, Library Trustee Dr. Anasa Maat, and Dr. Marion Bolden at the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, the kickoff event for the Library’s newest support group, the Friends of the JBAAR, held on October 19, 2016.

FRIENDS OF THE HISPANIC RESEARCH & INFORMATION CENTER

Dr. Olga Jiménez de Wagenheim with William Sánchez, at a talk and book launch on June 29, 2016, for her book Nationalist Heroines: Puerto Rican Women History Forgot, 1930s-1950s with a reception hosted by the Friends of HRIC.

FRIENDS OF THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the NPL expanded their book sale two ways in 2016, opening a pop up shop in Military Park, shown here, and creating an Everyday Book Sale area within Main Library.
The Newark Literary Festival provided a showcase for local authors: historian and preservationist Catharine Longendyck; Professor John W. Johnson, Jr., of St. Peter’s University; historian Guy Sterling; novelist Valerie Wilson Wesley; and historian Barbara Kukla.

Award-winning author Zadie Smith delivering the Inaugural Philip Roth Lecture

Library Trustees Timothy Crist and Rosemary Steinbaum with Roth Lecture Committee Member Barry Taylor, who represented author Philip Roth at the event.
A Summer Reading Challenge participant at Main Library making his selection of books to borrow.

Weequahic Branch Manager Shileen Shaw with Summer Reading Challenge participants at the awards party to celebrate a summer of reading.

Jenna Bush Hager interviewed Marley Dias at the Newark Public Library, for a segment on the Today Show, which aired on May 31, 2016 (view it here: http://on.today.com/2sRV2vn). Marley started the #1000BlackGirlBooks campaign to collect books with diverse characters, and donate them to schools in need, and read from one of the books she has collected to a group of kids in the Children’s Room at Main Library.
NEWARK AT 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal

Patrons at the opening reception for Newark at 350

Panoramic View of Newark, 1956.
Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center

WE FOUND OUR WAY: Newark Portraits of the Great Migration

Detail of Elizabeth Catlett, Gossip, 2005. Photolithograph and digital print. Special Collections Division.
THE RHYTHM AND THE BEAT: Drums and Percussion in Latin America

Librarian and curator Ingrid Betancourt leading a tour of exhibit, with 3rd and 4th grade students from Newark Educators Community Charter School.

FROM REBELLION TO REVIEW BOARD: Fighting for Police Accountability in Newark and ACCIÓN LATINA: Protesta y Transformación Socio-cultural en Nueva Jersey

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Dancers performing at Celebrating Latino Newark, on October 1, 2016, presented in partnership with the Hispanic Foundation of Essex County, as part of The Rhythm and the Beat: Drums and Percussion in Latin America, Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2016.

Performances

Diversity Youth Theater performers, who presented The Movement: an a cappella Musical in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 16, 2016.

Workshops

Artist, author, and printmaker April Vollmer leading demonstration about mokuhanga (woodblock printing), held on May 21, 2016, in conjunction with the exhibition Impressions of the Natural World: Japanese Prints from the Special Collections Division.

Illustrator Carlos Mendez leading a workshop in character drawing at North End Branch Library, as part of the Meet the Author Program held on September 24, 2016, for the Newark Literary Festival.
Outreach

Library staff members giving out Frisbees and more at Halsey Festival, September 8, 2016, part of Newark Celebration 350.

Storytelling

Reading *Where the Wild Things Are* with a Wild Thing at the Building on Books Big Bash!, held on March 5, 2016. Building on Books was a new program series for toddlers and parents, organized with the community organization Newark Mommies.

Tech Training

Learning how to fly a drone, with the New Jersey Drone School, in the atrium of the Main Library at New Jersey Makers Day, March 19, 2016.


Handing out prize packages, with books, toys, and games, at the 4th Annual Characters Walk, a children’s event organized by the Rutgers Undergraduate Women In Business to celebrate and support children’s literacy in the City of Newark, on October 22, 2016.
The Honorable Ras J. Baraka, Mayor of the City of Newark, in conversation with Guy Sterling, December 7, 2017, at the final program of the Newark Lifetimes: Recollections and Reflections program series offered throughout 2016. Videos of all eleven Newark Lifetimes programs can be viewed on the Library’s YouTube channel, at http://bit.ly/2rWMyPz.

Kenneth Gibson and Sharpe James, former mayors of Newark, who spoke on May 12, 2016, as part of the Newark Lifetimes program series. Photo by Caryl R. Lucas.

Municipal Council President Mildred C. Crump and Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver together with Guy Sterling, who spoke on March 10, 2016, as part of the Newark Lifetimes program series.
Knowing Newark: Selected Star-Ledger Columns by Charles F. Cummings was Newark Public Library’s major contribution to Newark Celebration 350. The book, with 31 columns by historian and librarian Charles F. Cummings, was distributed free at all library locations throughout 2016. The Library also created a companion keyword-searchable website, making all 500 of Cummings’ columns available for the first time.

Dedicated to Every Block in Newark, a 14-foot wide scale model of the city of Newark, fabricated by architecture students at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and community volunteers, with the collaboration of the Mayor’s Office of Arts, People Power Planning Newark, and Newark Celebration 350. The exhibition, on view from July 20 to September 15, 2016, also included artworks of sculptor and printmaker Bisa Washington.
The Newark Public Library is PATRONS

Family attending #BlackLivesMatter program, held on February 27, 2016.

Families

Job Seekers
Patrons using newly-purchased computers at Weequahic Branch Library. Funding for these computers came from Rotary Club of Newark.

Teens
Participants at the College Fair held at Springfield Branch Library on March 9, 2016.
Students
Students with parent chaperones at the Main Library Children’s Room

Abington Avenue School students attended a Summer Reading Challenge program.

People with Questions
Audience member during Q & A with journalist and Newark native Jonathan Capehart, who discussed his book *White Balance: Distortion of Black Images on Television* on February 6, 2016, as part of Black History Celebration. Photo by Armina Rose.

People with Ideas
Honoring Timothy J. Crist
Interim Library Director Thomas J. Alrutz, Library Trustee Trish Morris-Yamba, and 2016 Booked for the Evening Gala honoree Timothy Crist

Booked for the Evening Gala

Honoring NPL Patrons
Linda Bowden, Gala Chair, speaking about Newark Public Library patrons, honorees in 2016

Honoring the Newark Downtown District
Newark Downtown District Chief Executive Officer Anthony McMillan, Library Assistant Director for Finance and IT Joseph C. Casale, and Newark Downtown District Chairman Kevin Collins, accepting on behalf of honoree, the Newark Downtown District
Grants Awarded in 2016

Charles Emil Thenen Foundation, $2,000 to support the SAT/College Prep program offered at Springfield Branch Library

Community Foundation of New Jersey (The Newark Public Library Foundation), $1,000,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to support family literacy and digitization of historic collections documenting the Great Migration and Latino immigration to Newark

Community Foundation of New Jersey, $5,000 to support the SAT/College Prep program offered at Springfield Branch Library

County of Essex, $4,120 to support the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Celebration, *The Rhythm and the Beat: Drums and Percussion in Latin America*

Friends of HRIC at the Newark Public Library, $4,120 to support the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Hyde and Watson Foundation, $10,000 to purchase new computers

Japan Foundation, $15,056 to support *Impressions of the Natural World: Japanese Prints from the Special Collections Division* exhibit and related programs

Newark Arts Council, $2,750 to support toddler story times

Newark Celebration 350, $15,000 to support the publication of *Knowing Newark: Selected Star-Ledger Columns by Charles F. Cummings* and the creation of the website, KnowingNewark.npl.org

Newark Celebration 350, $3,750 to support a performance by the Five Women Performance Ensemble, entitled “We Lift Up Their Voices,” as part of Black History Celebration 2016

Newark Literary Festival, $7,350 to support the Newark Literary Festival

New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, $183,000 to support adult literacy, through ESL classes

New Jersey Historical Commission, $54,300 in general operating support

PNC Bank, $22,000 to support Black History Celebration exhibit and related programs

State of New Jersey, New Jersey State Library, $2,500 to support collection development

Victoria Foundation, $60,000 to support the salary of the Teen Services Librarian

Victoria Foundation, $3,000 to support the 2016 Philip Roth Lecture

Newark Trust for Education, $7,500 to support the SAT/College Prep program offered at Springfield Branch Library

New Jersey Council for the Humanities, $3,000 to support the publication of *Knowing Newark: Selected Star-Ledger Columns by Charles F. Cummings* and the creation of the website, KnowingNewark.npl.org

New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development, $151,120 to support Career Connection program for job seekers

Gala Reception with silent auction.

Gala goal reached with Trustee Sandra King.
$50,000 – $99,999
New Jersey Historical Commission
New Jersey State Library
State of New Jersey — Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Victoria Foundation

$25,000 – $49,999
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Father and child at program with journalist and Newark native Jonathan Capehart, discussing his book White Balance: Distortion of Black Images on Television on February 6, 2016, as part of Black History Celebration.
Waldo reading a story at the 4th Annual Characters Walk.
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Corky and friend at the children’s program Pirates and Princesses on Parade, October 8, 2017.
2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Support and Revenues

City of Newark Appropriation........... $10,282,518
State Library Aid.................... 217,015
Grant-Related Revenue.................. 600,493
Unrestricted Donations.................. 234,021
Investment Income..................... 24,045
Fines and Fees......................... 55,074
Other Revenues......................... 23,172
Total Support and Revenues......... $11,436,338

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages................... $5,099,718
Payroll Taxes and Employee Benefits....... 2,343,157
General and Administrative.............. 1,383,719
Services by Contract.................. 1,457,323
Capital Expense....................... 249,847
Total Expenditures.................... $10,850,872

Please note:
The annual financial audit had not taken place when this Financial Summary was prepared.
Snapshot of 2016

**Library Open Hours 2016**

- Main Library: 2,946 hours
- Branch Brook Library: 1,776 hours
- Clinton Branch Library: 1,776 hours
- North End Branch Library: 1,776 hours
- Springfield Branch Library: 1,776 hours
- Vailsburg Branch Library: 1,776 hours
- Van Buren Branch Library: 1,776 hours
- Weequahic Branch Library: 1,776 hours

Total Open Hours in 2016: 15,378 hours

**Library-Sponsored Programs 2016**

- 1,686 programs (95% up from 2015)
- 25,391 patrons (75% up from 2015)

**Public Computer Classes 2016**

- 164 classes (52% up from 2015)
- 810 patrons (68% up from 2015)

**Reference Questions Answered 2016**

- 74,387 questions at Branch Libraries (45%)
- 89,894 questions at Main Library (55%)

Total Questions: 164,281

**Public Computer Sessions 2016**

- 73,327 sessions at Branch Libraries (45%)
- 88,592 sessions at Main Library (55%)

Total Sessions: 161,919

**Items Borrowed 2016**

- 17,347 Nonprint Items (12%)
- 122,763 books (88%)

**Volunteer Service 2016**

- 1,500 hours

**Exhibitions Held 2016**

- Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal, curated by Thomas Ankner
- We Found Our Way: Newark Portraits from the Great Migration (Black History Celebration 2016), guest curated by Samantha J. Boardman, Ph.D.
- Impressions of the Natural World: Japanese Prints from the Special Collections Division, curated by Nadine Sergejeff
- Dedicated to Every Block in Newark, a community-created scale model of the city of Newark
- The Rhythm and the Beat: Drums and Percussion in Latin America (Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2016), curated by Ingrid Betancourt
- A Place for All People: Celebrating the Opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, poster exhibit
- From Rebellion to Review Board: Fighting for Police Accountability in Newark and Acción Latina: Protesta y Transformación Socio-cultural en Nueva Jersey, curated by students in the American Studies Program Rutgers University-Newark

**Average Daily Patrons 2016**

- 784 patrons per day at Main Library
- 645 patrons per day at Branch Libraries

**Total Visits**

- 235,259 total visits at Main Library
- 165,582 total visits at Branch Libraries