Vision
In serving the entire Newark community, the Newark Public Library will be a national model of innovation, collaboration, and service excellence.

Mission
The Newark Public Library transforms lives and strengthens communities through innovative services, stimulating programs, and inspiring collections.

Values
COMMITMENT
We pledge to set a distinctive standard of excellence in all services for our Library’s users, for the City of Newark, and for our staff.

COMMUNITY
We engage with residents to co-create a happy, productive Newark. We make the Library an active, integral community citizen.

COOPERATION
We use our different strengths to work together and with partners throughout the city to achieve our mission and to encourage curiosity in Library users.

ENRICHMENT
We shape and transform lives through our programs, services, and collections to fulfill the expectations and dreams of all who use Library resources.

EXPRESSION
We provide a safe space, where all individuals are free to be themselves.

INCLUSION
We welcome people of all ages, abilities, beliefs, classes, colors, ethnicities, genders, gender preferences, and shapes into these Libraries. Libraries are for everyone. Everyone belongs here.

INNOVATION
We invite and encourage change as our communities’ needs evolve.

LEADERSHIP
We are a hub of the community. We use our skills and resources to help all Newarkers.
Dear friends,

What a whirlwind year 2017 was! My husband, Michael, and I packed up our two cars, two dogs, and parrot and moved from St. Louis into our new home in Forest Hill on February 24th. I was barely able to navigate through the boxes before starting my new position as Director of the Newark Public Library on Monday, February 27th.

Words cannot express the warm welcome that I have received from the community and the NPL staff. The common denominator for everyone that I have interacted with over the past year has been their strong emotional connection towards their local library. Whether they grew up utilizing one of our seven branch libraries that are located in all of Newark's five wards, or they currently seek solace in the Main Library, which is conveniently situated to serve as a progressive oasis in bustling downtown, the message that I heard over and over again was that, “Newarkers love their library!”

This year was filled with many firsts for the Library. Staff were encouraged to try different activities and/or programs to help reexamine the Library’s role in the community and explore the various ways that the Library can have a positive impact in our neighborhoods.

The Library hosted Friday night dance parties and a petting zoo in our courtyard, yoga classes, teen poetry workshops, bilingual math and science story time, jewelry making classes, Brazilian Film Festival and exhibit, Community History Days, Jazz in the Stacks, and the Y on Wheels. These activities and classes were in addition to the diverse and regularly scheduled programming, such as: early childhood literacy programs; SAT Prep and College Fairs; Computer Classes and Resume Writing/Job Search workshops; Girls Who Code classes; and English as a Second Language and American Sign Language classes.

In all, Library-sponsored programming increased by 46% in comparison to 2016, and attendance was up by almost 70% (67.6% to be exact). I believe this clearly validates that libraries are not dead and in fact are thriving as vital community partners that promote equity, empower residents, and provide free educational and entertaining programming for all.

During the past months, we were also engaged in developing a new strategic plan. We spoke with numerous stakeholders, staff, community members, parents, school teachers, students, seniors, neighbors, and local businesses to create a blueprint to position NPL well for the future. I am pleased to report that at the January 2018 meeting, the Newark Public Library Board of Trustees approved the new strategic plan that includes focusing on the following strategic directions:

1) Nurture Newark’s Youth and Families
2) Contribute to the Personal Growth and Well-Being of all Newarkers
3) Strengthen Digital Literacy Skills for All
4) Enhance and Promote Newark Public Library’s Distinctive Special Collections
5) Provide Welcoming, Safe, and Vibrant Environments

I want to thank everyone for making me feel a part of this community, participating in the many meetings and public forums that we sponsored, and supporting the Library as we begin to rethink how we can bring the most value to our residents. I am excited for what 2018 will bring!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey G. Trzeciak
Nurturing Newark’s Youth and Families

Reading clubs, film screenings, nutrition workshops, a petting zoo, pajama storytime, Wii U Wednesdays, and class visits were among the variety of programs designed to educate and inspire children and young adults. In a new program at the Van Buren Branch, high schoolers assisted younger students with homework assignments. The Library also participated in the first Newark Arts Open Doors Kids with a variety of creative projects. Youth Services staff extended the offerings beyond our walls as they brought the Library to the community with a full calendar of outreach activities to schools and other organizations.

Build a Better World, our summer reading theme, provided a focus for a variety of entertaining activities for young people. The YMCA of Newark delighted children with fitness activities, sports, and more when they brought the Y on Wheels van (everything but the pool) to all of our locations. Kids also had the opportunity to explore the Newark Fire Department’s trucks. Many children risk going hungry in the summer, but the City’s Sun-Up Food Program provided free lunches that kept our children well-nourished and able to learn and play.

The Van Buren Branch presented a Math and Science Story Times Series for preschoolers. This STEM initiative for the Spanish-speaking community uses reading to bring math and science to life. The NJ State Library and the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University funded the series.

The Library partnered with the United Way of Essex and West Hudson and distributed backpacks to 500 children for the new school year. All children receiving backpacks also received library cards!

Offering teens a safe and welcoming space during out-of-school time, the Library’s opportunities for year-round learning are crucial for developing their literacy, technology, and professional skills. Existing programming was further developed with the hiring of a dedicated librarian for young adult services and a generous grant from the Victoria Foundation. Our first-ever Teen Advisory Board, for students in grades 7-12, met monthly to

Cooperative mural project with artist Kenely Torres at Open Doors Kids.
suggest new programs and services.

The Newark Poetry Institute led by spoken word artist Jasmine Mans, presented poetry workshops for teens, as well as two open mics. Terina Nicole, an accessories and fashion designer raised in Newark, engaged teens systemwide in arts workshops, and Samantha Katehis, owner of local business Fern and Fossil, taught teens to build their own terrariums.

Young adults participated in game nights, the Book to Art Club, and a video game design club. Ornament making, gaming, and a make your own s’mores station were highlights of our first teen holiday party at Main Library.

College Fairs were an integral part of the High School Academic Support Program headquartered at the Springfield Branch. Led by volunteer Lyndon Brown, sessions also included SAT and ACT preparation, and help with scholarships, and college and financial aid applications. Funding was provided by the Community Foundation of New Jersey and the Victoria Foundation.

Five popular Secrets to College Admissions workshops, one in each ward, were organized by the Newark City of Learning Collaborative.

"We wanted to make sure that children had a foundation in literature and understood that books could be a springboard to all sorts of things."

ENDELEA MEADOWS
Contributing to the Personal Growth and Well-Being of All Newarkers

Many of our visitors took advantage of learning opportunities such as book discussions, legal workshops, and classes for American Sign Language, yoga, and African American genealogy. Others came for flu shots, and free blood pressure and diabetes screenings (in cooperation with Berkeley College). Customers borrowing books from our collections for reading and timely information remarked on our wonderful offerings, and librarians used our wealth of resources to help people navigate a wide range of topics that included sheet music, literary criticism, art values, stock prices, and entrepreneurship.

Getting a haircut or a new pair of shoes — for most of us, these are things we take for granted, but for our neighbors without addresses, they might just be the key for a boost in confidence or a fresh start. At Shaping Lives: Links to Homelessness Services over 300 people received supplies, health screenings, lunches, haircuts, shoes, and agency referrals. This successful event was co-sponsored by the Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness, Bridges Outreach, Inc., and Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care. Corporate partner Audible generously distributed over 300 box lunches. One grateful person leaving the building exclaimed, “Thank you for doing this. I feel like a new man!”

Also, for over 100 of our most vulnerable visitors we hosted a sleeping bag giveaway and community meal. Local teen, Imani Muhammad, raised money to buy the sleeping bags. The Department of Health and Community Wellness also distributed toiletries and coats at the event.

In a new initiative, the Reference Department worked with two student interns from Rutgers School of Social Background photo: The Friends of the Newark Public Library’s annual book sale.

“Nothing in here but strength and love.”
STEPHEN
“Thank you very much for opening your doors and heart...Yesterday was amazing.”

KIM GILCHRIST, MAYOR’S OFFICE

Work. Providing counseling, referrals to agencies, and follow-up on cases, they furthered the work of our librarians by assisting our public with critical issues such as finding housing, domestic abuse, mental and physical illnesses and disabilities, and access to legal aid.

With our Food for Fines campaign, the Library took part in MEND’s (Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity) Summer Food Drive. Food collected by staff, in lieu of overdue fines, was distributed to local food pantries.

Reaching out to our new immigrant populations, the Library, in partnership with La Casa de Don Pedro, offered English as a Second Language classes at Main Library, Branch Brook Branch, and the Van Buren Branch. These high-demand classes were funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor.

Rutgers-Newark’s Newest Americans project, along with Telling Untold Stories and the Library, hosted the first-ever Ironbound “Unconference” at the Van Buren Branch. It was an opportunity for all who know and love the Ironbound to help create an educational tour of the neighborhood.

A freshly decorated space on the first floor is the new location for the Special Services Room at Main Library. This inviting location is more convenient for people with disabilities. Financial assistance for this project and the new Café was provided by the Victoria Foundation.

The Rutgers-Newark Community Writing Center inspired authors in themed workshops, held in the Café at Main Library. Candace N. shared, “Finally home from a Memoir Writing class at the @NewarkLibrary and I’m so glad I went outside my comfort zone and shared my writing.”

Some say, “Finding a job is the hardest job you’ll ever have.” The Library makes this daunting task somewhat easier for job seekers. Aided by the Career Connections website, provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, staff assisted the unemployed and underemployed to find job leads, create resumes, and polish interviewing skills.

Dennis J. came to the Library from a halfway house and had never used a computer. With help from a teacher, he created an email address and a resume. Soon after, he was hired by a social service agency.

After working for a local fast food restaurant for almost thirty years, Bernice R. was let go. She was hired by a national discount retailer once she received guidance to write her resume.

Assistance with creating a resume was just what Roshawn R. needed. She stopped in to express her thanks and reported that she had found steady employment at a nearby company.

Drop-in classes for employment searching and computer skills at Main Library and the Van Buren Branch (in English and Spanish) provided additional support to job hunters.
Strengthening Digital Literacy Skills for All

Online transactions have become the norm — searching for employment and housing, signing up for health care, applying for benefits of all kinds, and even keeping in touch with family and friends all require computers and the knowledge and skills to use them. Fortunately, computers are available at all locations, and staff members are on hand to help people use the internet, reducing the barriers to technology for traditionally underserved populations.

Our young people are getting a head start in digital literacy with the Girls Who Code club at Main Library. Volunteer instructor Todd Branchflower, a software engineer, taught students in grades six through twelve the fundamentals of computer programming. They were exposed to technology careers with tours of the Google offices and other major technology firms. Club members read the book *Hidden Figures* and enjoyed a field trip to see the feature film.

For even younger participants (second to fourth graders), we hosted a Girls STEM Camp at the Main Library, where the campers explored different branches of
engineering as they learned to code in binary, built circuits, made cars, and constructed towers.

New Jersey Makers Day at North End Branch included a wide variety of activities from button making to robot demonstrations.

Video conferencing projectors, embedded speakers, amplifiers, and automated screens were set up for audio visual streaming at every branch. This state-of-the-art equipment will facilitate remote classroom interaction and presentations. Fifty-eight brand new computers, funded by Prudential, were installed in the Victoria Technology Center. The New Jersey Department of Labor provided funding for an additional twenty-six computers systemwide.

Joy Robinson, Children’s Library Associate, and Jeffrey Trzeciak, Library Director, welcome neighbors to the Vailsburg Branch.

“The librarian let me know [how to access ebooks]. She was extremely helpful. I LOVE this library.”

LINDA
From the Great War, to the stories of the Great Migration and Latino Immigration experience, to the Rebellion of 1967, Library exhibits and activities explored and revealed different aspects of Newark’s historical memory and vibrant spirit.

Marking the centennial of the United States’ entry into the Great War, the exhibit Over Here: Newark in World War I, 1917-1918 brought to light Newark’s important contributions to the conflict. Using historic photographs, pamphlets, posters and other materials from the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library, guest curator George Robb displayed the many ways in which Newarkers — women and men, African American and immigrant communities, civic organizations and institutions — supported the war effort.

For five days in July 1967, the African American and Latino communities in Newark rebelled against racist policies and everyday oppression. The exhibit Voices from the Rebellion traced the underlying causes, the events that provided the spark, and the immediate aftermath of the violence. Video within the exhibit offered first-hand accounts of the Rebellion. Voices from the Rebellion was a joint project of the Newark Public Library and the Center for Education and Juvenile Justice, the sponsor of The North: Civil Rights and Beyond in Urban America, a digital archive of stories of resistance in urban centers.

Scene in Newark: the Tiny Prince Collection, curated by Nadine Sergejeff, displayed highlights from the papers of Carl “Tiny Prince” Brinson, who published, wrote, and edited many of Newark’s nightlife publications. Mr. Brinson’s collection of photographs, rare
publications, and other memorabilia, now archived in the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, documents remarkable facets of African American life in Newark and surrounding towns from the nineteen-fifties through the seventies, and provides insight into the political campaigns, black organizations, Negro League baseball games, daily life, and vibrant music scene of the time. The accompanying program, Newark After Dark: Club Scene from the '50s through the '70s, organized by Guy Sterling, included a panel discussion, and live music.

In a year that marked a century of American citizenship for Puerto Ricans and saw the fury of two hurricanes devastate the island, the Library presented the exhibit Boricuas in the Garden — The story of Puerto Ricans in New Jersey. Curated by Ingrid Betancourt, Yesenia López, and Kristyn Scorsone, Boricuas in the Garden illustrated the long history and dynamic presence of the state's largest Latino group using archival materials, historic photographs, and other documents drawn from the Puerto Rican Community Archives, a component of the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center at the Library.

Acclaimed author and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Robert A. Caro delivered the Second Annual Philip Roth Lecture to a crowd of over 200 people in the Library's Centennial Hall in September. Caro spoke about the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 and President Johnson’s use of presidential power. His remarks were simulcast to an overflow area in the 2nd floor Reading Room, as well as to five branches throughout the city.

DANIA RAMOS

“...the exhibit Boricuas in the Garden takes on heightened meaning at this particular moment when we are collectively coping with the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Maria hitting our island... the second floor gallery of the Library has been transformed into a space of solace, affirmation, and motivation.”

Providing Welcoming, Safe, and Vibrant Environments

The Library is an increasingly dynamic and inclusive space for learning, socializing, collaborating, and enjoying community life.

Highlights of the Library’s Black History Celebration were the screening and discussion of two films: Selma director Ava DuVernay’s documentary, 13th, and The Once and Future Newark, an award-winning Rutgers-Newark documentary featuring the late Dr. Clement Alexander Price. Other programs and events included a performance by the Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble, a #BlackLivesMatter – Newark panel discussion on the city’s challenges and triumphs, and In Full Color, a theatrical event celebrating women of color.

The exhibition Black Perspectives [on Paper] presented works by African American artists from the Library’s Special Collections, and included fine prints, artist’s books, portfolios, photographs, and art publications by renowned artists such as Mel Edwards, Sam Gilliam, Jacob Lawrence, Al Loving, and Faith Ringgold.

In June, the Library invited the community to enjoy our Hot Cuban Night in partnership with Jimenez Lounge and Tobacco — a special evening of Cuban photographs, posters, music, food, wine and cognac tastings, and cigar rolling.

The newly restored Courtyard pulsed with music and lights every Friday evening during the summer. Hundreds of people came to enjoy dancing under the stars at the Library. The Friday Night Dance Parties were organized in partnership with D.Wild Music Radio and the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Newark.

Afro-Brazilian culture and traditions were very much alive at the Library with an exhibit of Carnival costumes, a Brazilian film series, arts and crafts, and music and dance workshops during the celebration of Brazil Week in Newark.

The exhibit We Are Still Here: Taíno Survival and Identity celebrated the survival of the indigenous people of the Caribbean and their culture. The opening event at the Main Library featured a traditional Taíno ceremonial dance and presentations by members of the Taíno Nations of the Antilles and representatives of the National Museum of the American Indian. The exhibit and program were presented in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Newark.

This year’s Latino Celebration featured the exhibition Boricuas in the Garden: The Story of Puerto Ricans in New Jersey, which traced the history and contributions of the state’s largest Latino group. A series of
complementary public programs included a talk and comic book signing with Edgardo Miranda-Rodríguez, creator and writer of the new, critically-acclaimed comic book series La Borinqueña; a screening of the award-winning documentary The Borinqueneers which chronicles the untold story of the Puerto Rican 65th Infantry Regiment, the only all Hispanic-unit in U.S. Army history; a Public Forum on Puerto Rico’s Present Crisis and Political Future; and a cooking demonstration and tasting.

Created by Rutgers University students, the exhibit At Home in Newark: Stories from the Queer Newark Oral History Project revealed how lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender, and queer people in Newark have claimed space for themselves in the community, in the face of poverty, violence, illness, racism, and discrimination. Visitors listened to excerpts from the oral histories and shared information and comments using an interactive station. This exhibit was curated and designed by students in Dr. Mary Rizzo’s class Place, Community, and Public Humanities, and Professor Chantal Fischzang’s graphic design class Visual Means at Rutgers University-Newark.

In December, the Kwanzaa Celebration organized by the Friends of the James Brown African American Room featured arts and crafts activities for children and families, storytelling, performances by Spektrums Afrikaans Folkloric Dancers and Drummers, spoken word artists Mia X and Noelle, and a traditional candle lighting ceremony.
Nearly 300 colleagues, partners, and friends gathered at the Library’s premier fundraising event, *Booked for the Evening Gala*, on November 30, 2017 at Nanina’s in the Park to celebrate our honorees:

**Michael X. McBride**, Connell Foley LLP  
**Michael Bright**, YMCA of Newark and Vicinity  
**Andaiye Taylor**, *Brick City Live*

**Newark Public Library Affinity Groups**  
Friends of the Newark Public Library  
Friends of the Hispanic Research and Information Center  
Friends of the James Brown African American Room

All of our honorees have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Library and the Newark community. It is their steadfast leadership and unwavering support that help to safeguard the Library as a cultural anchor institution serving our community.

In addition to the awards and dinner, our guests enjoyed the silent auction and the first Annual After-Party with DJ Sienna Chanel, whose sounds and mixes kept the dance floor packed while Jimenez Tobacco rolled cigars.

Thank you to our Gala Chair, Stephen B. Ravin, Esq., and the Gala Committee, who worked tirelessly to ensure a successful event.

The *Booked for the Evening*’s success was due, in large part, to the unconditional support of ALL of our sponsors. We extend a special thank you to the Presenting Sponsor, Verizon.
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Above: Party for teens at Main Library.

Left: Poet Mia X with musicians J. Read on violin and Jamale Deshon on bass at Breathing For Breya, Again: A Tribute to Breya Blkbrry Molassez Knight (1986-2016).
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Bernard Wilks
Sadira Williams
Zachary Yamba and Trish
Morris-Yamba
Nkwa YellowDuke

Hobby’s Delicatessen &
Restaurant
Jimenez Tobacco
Peter Pozo Jimenez
Jeffrey Johnson
Jeffrey Kahn
Carl Karni-Bain
Kramer Portraits
Louis Krupp
Michele LaRue
LezEat Newark Food Tours
Linda Lobdell
James Mallinson
Marcus B&P
Beatrice McKay
Michael Rachlin & Co., LLC
CC Minton
Sharita Moody
Thomas Moseley
Howard Myrick
Robert S. Narus and
Patricia Ann McDermott
New Jersey
Performing Arts Center
New York Philharmonic
Newark Centric City
Newark Downtown District
Newark Times
NICO Kitchen
Henrietta Parker
Jose Pereira
John-Paul Philippe
Harry Prott
Prudential Center/
New Jersey Devils
Daniel Quinn
Ana Quispe
Patricia Reed
Stefen Reed
George Rennie
RPM Raceway
Thomas Schiff
Martin Schwarz and
Patricia Connell
Shen Yun
Atos Smith
Spanish Pavillion
Julius Spohn
Stephen Taylor Portrait Artist
Guy Sterling
Studio Creative Group
Mollie Torres
Turtle Back Zoo
Olga J. Wagenheim
Whole Foods Market
Tonia Wu
My Newark Story

In 2016, the Library was awarded a generous two-year grant from the Carnegie Corporation to digitize archival materials documenting the Great Migration and Latino Immigration experience into Newark and to introduce students, parents, and educators to the rich historical materials in the Library’s collection. The goal of the project, named My Newark Story, is to foster literacy and critical thinking skills through the lens of local history, with an emphasis on the ways Newark has been shaped by immigration.

During 2017, the Library digitized selected collections from the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center. Many of these materials, including photographs, newspapers, maps, and much more are now available in the new digital archive, available at: digital.npl.org.

Students and community members participating in the My Newark Story programs explored their city with trivia games, “Think Like an Archivist” activities, time capsule creations, and tours of the Library and its collections. Programs such as “I Love Newark” collages and sharing Newark-related recollections with a memory jar activity fostered appreciation and pride for the City. North End, Springfield, and Weequahic Branches hosted Community History Days and various educational and fun activities have been offered at all Library locations and throughout Newark. An educational outreach consultant has been visiting schools and organizations throughout the city; lesson plans, and three new traveling exhibits are available to schools. The My Newark Story program would not be possible without the participation of Newarkers themselves. One of the objectives of our program has to been to create opportunities for residents to share their own stories and to contribute photographs to our digital archive. Our Newark Story, a celebratory event for the community, is planned for May 19, 2018 at the Main Library. To learn more about My Newark Story, please visit: mynewarkstory.npl.org.
# 2017 Financial Summary

## Support and Revenues

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## Expenditures

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

“*The Newark Library was an oasis for me & my then toddler.*”

@GWHEEZIE via Twitter
### Volunteers and Interns 2017

- **522 Volunteers contributed 4,141 hours to the Newark Public Library in 2017.**
- **48 Interns from high schools and colleges worked 1,563.5 hours in 2017.**

### Public Catalog Searches 2017

- The monthly average of searches in 2017 was **22,412** searches, an increase of **36%** from 2016.

### Summer Reading Challenge 2017

- With a goal of reading for 20 minutes per day, **673 children** and **155 teens** participated, reading a total of **5009 hours**.
- **57 teen programs** offered as part of the Summer Reading Challenge were attended by **455 teens**.
- **740 children’s programs** offered as part of the Summer Reading Challenge were attended by **9,468 children**.
- All locations of Newark Public Library participated in the City’s Sun-Up Food Program, serving **5,930 free lunches** in 2017.

### Average Daily Patrons 2017

- **852 patrons** per day at Main Library
- **601 patrons** per day at Branch Libraries

### Items Borrowed 2017

- **6,345 young adult items** (4%)
- **56,580 items borrowed by adults** (38%)
- **85,850 children’s items** (58%)

**180,379 total visits**

Vailsburg Branch visits increased 40.6% in 2017 over the previous year.