**NJLA History and Preservation Section**

**General Meeting**

**January 30, 2025**

**Zoom**

**Present:** John Beekman, Jackie Oshman, Fred Pachman, Gary Saretzky, Juber Ayala, Genevieve Girvan, Katrina Zwaaf, Teresa Bayles, Jacqueline Silver-Morillo, Katy White, Ken Kauffman, Colleen Goode, Kim Adams, Chatham, Hilde Creager, Laura Poll, Crystal Hooper, Rujul, Robert Schriek, Zack Brackett, James Cox, Yesenia Lopez

Meeting Opened 10:05am

Minutes from June General Meeting: Motion to Approve by John B, Second by Gary S. All in favor

**NJLA Liaison** Katy White

* NJLA Organizational Update <https://www.njla.org/organizational-updates>
* Many Libraries have been asking for information on ICE this week. Here are some helpful links: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bhqg9RWUvA4dzxuCLJ6oJA87ywjMvrRXIKv1bpDQ0Wg/edit?pli=1&tab=t.0>
* Immigrant Rights Program to be held in February
* NJ Department of Health Resources Overview Webinar on February 12th.

<https://www.njla.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=1545&Itemid=208&year=2025&month=02&day=12&title=new-jersey-department-of-health-resources-overview&uid=4ca4496527dbc1f1bcb2738705a4e65d>

**President’s Report**: Juber Ayala

* Some H&P members were able to tour the RECAP facilities at Princeton University.
* Juber, Teresa and Katrina also toured New Brunswick Free Public Library and met with Kim Adams to discuss future professional development workshops (Book Binding tentatively scheduled for October)
* H&P received a $750 mini-grant to fund the two workshops held at East Jersey Olde Town in the fall.
* March 6th at 10am is a virtual workshop for cataloging rare and archival items. Kim Adams encourages everyone to attend – even if you aren’t a cataloger. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudu2rrTgjEtYdtS9dreI9oARU38vCKyo_#/registration>
* Our next tour will be March 25th at 5pm at the Middlesex County Archives. This will be a casual meet and greet before the tour (to allow commuting time). A registration link will be sent soon.
  + John Beekman suggested opening the tour for MARAC members to boost attendance.
  + Gary S. informed Gary Dalina (Middlesex County Records Manager) about the tour.
* The next H&P meeting will be in person at Newark Public Library in April (they are looking into obtaining an OWL to have a virtual component). The meeting after that will be at NJLA in May.
  + Are there any South Jersey repositories that we can tour or meet at? Email Juber at [jayala@npl.org](mailto:jayala@npl.org)

**Vice President’s Report**: Jacqueline Silver-Morillo

* The NJLA Conference will be May 28-May 30th at Harrah’s Atlantic City. The theme is Breaking Barriers.
* The Section submitted 4 workshop proposals for the NJLA Conference. We should find out soon which workshops were approved.
  + Copyrights – Katrina Zwaaf
  + Local History Accessibility at Somerset County – Teresa Bayles
  + Zine Zone with the Young Adult section as co-sponsors – Laura Poll
    - And Let’s Talk Zines
  + Creation of an Archival Research Club – Jacqueline Silver-Morillo
    - Archives and History submitted a workshop on Past NJLA Conferences
    - John Beekman submitted a workshop with the New Jersey State Data Center

**Awards Committee**: John Beekman

* Applications for all NJLA Honors and Awards, including the Susan Swartzburg Award, can be found here: <https://www.njla.org/honors-and-awards>
* We have no new applications for the Swartzburg Award but a few carryover nominations from last year.
* Starting in 2026, the next three conferences will be held in February at the Hard Rock Casino (Atlantic City) in conjunction with the School Library Association. Due to this, the award submission deadline and conference proposal deadlines will all need to move up three months at the end of 2025.
  + There is a clause in the contract with the Hard Rock that NJLA is not liable if snow or disease causes closure in any part of the state at Conference time.

**Archives Committee**: Sarah Hull (not present)

**Newsletter Committee**: Kathlyn Kelly

* Thank you to everyone who has submitted to the Chronicle!
* We have very light submissions for the next issue so please consider submitting about events happening in March or April! The deadline is tomorrow, Friday, January 31st.
* The header has been changed to reflect the new NJLA logo.
* Email to [kkelly@sclibnj.com](mailto:kkelly@sclibnj.com)

**Constitution/Bylaws Committee:**

* Currently no committee.
* Juber will contact the Executive Board members to see if there are any changes that should be made to the Bylaws.

**Nomination Committee**:

* Please contact Juber if you are interested in running for any of the following positions for 2025-2026:
  + Vice President
  + Secretary
  + Professional Development Coordinator
  + Web Presence Coordinator
  + Member at Large
    - Member at Large is an advisory role on the Executive Board with voting privileges. They are not tasked with responsibilities other than attending Executive Board meetings and voicing their opinions. It is a very good opportunity to observe the Executive Board in action and ease your way into a position on the Board in the future. It is also a good position for former officers in order to stay on the board.

**Library Updates:**

Teresa Bayles (Somerset Co) – They have hired a new Local History Operational Assistant (Rujul).

Jacqueline Silver-Morillo (Atlantic City) – They are having programming for Black History Month including 30 posters around the two Atlantic City library buildings and a Board of Trade Directory.

Crystal Hooper (Somerset Co) – First time attendee. Busy planning for Rev250.

Yesenia Lopez (Newark, HRIC) working with building construction and planning the collection relocation. They are also still conducting programs at the same time including the Go Red for Women event next week.

Hilde Creager (Rutgers SOURCE President) – putting together the events list for Spring semester and they need speakers. If you know of anyone interested, email [Hilde.Creager@rutgers.edu](mailto:Hilde.Creager@rutgers.edu)

Colleen Goode (Ocean Co) Planning the 100th Anniversary Celebration which will include programs, prizes, and photos and clippings posted on social media pages.

Laura Poll (Middletown) – Middletown Library was chosen to be in a 2025 Community History Cohort by the NJ Council for Humanities. <https://njhumanities.org/programs/community-history/>

Genevieve Girvan (Somerset Co) – Working with local History documents. Planning a new carpet installation soon. Excitement over Rev250.

James Cox (Hoboken) – First time attendee! Received a Library of Congress grant on the Puerto Rican diaspora in Hoboken. Working on programming ideas for Rev250. Has taken on an Administration position at Hoboken.

Katrina Zwaaf (Somerset Co) – Just finished cataloging Somerville yearbooks and they have been digitized. She just received records that need “cleaning up” from Hillsborough and a small Slavik donation at Manville that are in Polish.

Kim Adams (New Brunswick) – She is hosting a Black History Month about Albert Einstein with speakers from the new Einstein Museum in Princeton on February 8th. Zack Brackett is now wearing two hats at New Brunswick – a part time Reference Librarian and a contract employee digitizing the Hall Mills Collection into their Archive.org account. New Brunswick has three interns currently working on exhibiting the George Wilson Hall Mill’s collection, a donation of construction records, and New Brunswick’s Rev250 exhibit.

* Zack encourages everyone to take a look at our Archive.org page to see the only copies available of the Evening Graphic newspaper from the 1920’s.

### Gary Saretzky - Princeton Preservation Group is having a program on February 11th on Conservation and Treatment of Acetate Negatives. 130 people are already registered. He is also booking many lectures for Black History Month and other topics including 19th Century Women Photographers and Edward Harris Stokes. <http://saretzky.com>

Ken Kauffman (Somerset Co) – Heritage Trail lecture series about Somerset history and NJ 250 are taking place. The Middlebrook Symposium will also be occurring at Raritan Valley Community College.<https://heritagetrail.org/schedule>

John Beekman (Jersey City) – Renovations are slowly starting at the library and a contractor has now been chosen. The Local History Room has a new Digital Project Librarian who will be focusing on the Internet Archive grant which is digitizing municipal records. The first batch is already available online (<https://archive.org/details/jerseycitymunicipalrecords>). An Oral History project with the Museum of Jersey City History is also taking place.

Katy White (NJSL) – There is a webinar tomorrow regarding Rev250. Sign up here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qpr5JxYERkOnHDhYCVDSyQ#/registration>

There is grant money available for Rev250 programming.

Juber Ayala (Newark, HRIC) Juber was asked by the NJ Historical Commission to be on the advisory committee for state historical markers. He also has a new Archival Assistant, Fabian Paredes, who introduced himself to the group.

Motion to close by Kim A. Second by Ken K.

Meeting Adjourned 11am.