

**History and Preservation Section
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Monmouth County Library, Manalapan, NJ**

Attendees: Juber Ayala, John Beekman, Eleonora Dubicki, Greg Gaal, Janice Grace, Sarah Hull, Ken Kaufman, Carol Simon Levin, Nancy Madacsi, Jessica Myers, Fred Pachman, Elsalyn Palmisano, Laura Poll, Gary Saretzky, Adam Volpe, Richetta Wilson-Lobban, Beth Zak-Cohen

The meeting was opened at 11:45 a.m. by Ken Kaufman, vice-president. Sarah Hull, president, took over at 11:53 a.m.

Vice-President's Report: Ken Kaufman

The following programs will be submitted to the NJLA Conference Committee as possible sessions at the annual conference in May 2020:

- Libraries Innovating for Genealogical Research
- NJ Women Vote
- Promoting Collections
- Municipality Anniversaries
- Oral History

President's Report: Sarah Hull

Aimee Fernandez-Puente, Elizabeth Public Library, has agreed to be our fourth member-at-large.

Because our former section archivist, Gary Saretzky, has retired, our section archives are being moved to the Plainfield Public Library, where Sarah H. will care for them.

Swartzburg Award: Sarah H. for Tom Ankner

The award committee is still accepting nominations.

The Chronicle: Sarah H. for Colleen Goode

Colleen G. thanks all contributors to the publication.

The next submission deadline is January 3, 2020.

Professional Development: John Beekman

The section is cosponsoring a copyright workshop at Chester Public Library on October 25, 2019.

John B. is looking into having a program on Omeka, an open-source digital archive platform. He is also trying to schedule a tour of the Seton Hall University archives.

Web/Social Media Report: John B. for Danny Klein

For the time period of September 17-October 14, 2019, our Facebook page has had nine (9) views, up 80% from the previous 28-day period.

Please “like” the H&P Facebook page if you have not already done so.

Forward your events to Danny K. to promote them on our page.

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Plainfield PL (snow date: Thursday, January 30)
- March 2020 - TBD
- May 30 or 31, 2020, at the NJLA Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ

Other business:

Jessica M. brought up the idea of touring the State archives.

Sarah H. has submitted the idea of the section having a speakers’ panel. This panel would “provide a forum through which interested members can give short presentations promoting their hidden historical collections and resources to other organizations such as local libraries, historical societies, and genealogy clubs.” All activity for this panel would be strictly voluntary.

Member Updates:

The Plainfield PL Genealogy Club meets one Saturday a month. All programs are free and open to the public.

Somerset County celebrated its 14th annual “Weekend Journey through the Past” on October 12, 2019.

Jersey City PL has a new director in the person of Jeff Trzeciak, who is the former director of Newark PL. Priscilla Gardner, the previous director of Jersey City PL, retired in October.

Newark PL celebrates Latino heritage. For more details, go to <https://npl.org/latino-celebration-2019/>.

Digitized copies of the Long Branch Daily Record can now be viewed at the Long Branch PL.

The Sparta Historical Society has 1950s women's hats that it is willing to loan. For information on upcoming events, visit the website at <https://www.vankirkmuseum.org/index.htm>.

Monmouth County Archives - preservation of library materials webpage under "Special Collections."

The curator of the Historical Society of Bloomfield has retired, so there is a job position available but no pay.

Trenton PL will now be able to offer paid internships (two per semester) working with Laura Poll and Trentoniana.

A Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service was performed on the NJLA archives. Fred Pachman has spoken with Tonya Garcia, NJLA president, about the findings.

A retirement party for Gary S. will be held on October 29, 2019, at the Monmouth County Archives.

A request was made to put in the next edition of the *Chronicle* any articles on women's suffrage.

Ken K. motioned to adjourn the meeting; Janice Grace seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.