



Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 11:00 AM
Plainfield Public Library
800 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ
Ann Louise Davis Room (Basement Level, Elevator available)
In-Person Meeting
— Free and Open to the Public —
Event RSVP Required

Schedule	
11:00 AM	Registration and Refreshments
11:30 AM	Annual Meeting & Election of Trustees
11:45 AM	Feature Presentation: <i>Genealogy Resources at Plainfield Public Library</i>

Registration

RSVP by 5 December 2024. Send email to programs@gsnj.org with your name & contact information. Questions? Contact us at programs@gsnj.org.

GSNJ Annual Meeting and Election of Trustees

The GSNJ Board of Trustees consists of fifteen to eighteen dues-paying members, each serving three-year terms. This year, the following candidates are presented for new or continuing terms:

Joan Elizabeth Betancourt
Monmouth County, NJ

Elizabeth DeSapio
Hunterdon County, NJ

Debbie Hadley
Ocean County, NJ

Danny Klein
Hudson County, NJ

Mary Szaro, CG
Middlesex County, NJ

Visit <https://www.gsnj.org/gsnj-officers-and-trustees/> for biographies.

Feature Presentation: *Genealogy Resources at Plainfield Public Library*

Presented by Sarah Hull

This presentation will introduce the Local History, Genealogy & Special Collections Department at Plainfield Public Library. The local history collection, one of the largest in Union County, is composed of books, documents, photographs, blueprints, maps, newspapers, personal papers, and local organizations' records of significance in Plainfield and the surrounding communities. The Plainfield Public Library is an Affiliate Library of *FamilySearch.org* and of the *Mayflower Society*.

Attendees may use the collections following the presentation up to 2:30 p.m. However, due to limited space we kindly request you let us know in advance. Please email sarah.hull@plfdpl.info.

Sarah Hull is an archivist and Department Head of the Local History, Genealogy & Special Collections Department at Plainfield Public Library. She is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) and a former consultant with the MARAC - New Jersey *Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service*. She is also a member of the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), and a former NJLA History & Preservation Section President. In 2017, Ms. Hull received NJLA's Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award in recognition of her statewide leadership and dedication to the preservation of archival, library, and historical materials.

Directions and Parking

Driving Directions

Park Avenue is Route 531 into Plainfield; it curves past JFK Medical Center Muhlenberg Campus. When you pass the High School on your left, the Library is on the left in the next block.

From the NORTH, take I-78 (East or West) to Exit 40 (The Plainfields)

Coming from East, turn left off ramp. Coming from West, turn right.

Continue south to the bottom of the hill. Turn right at the STOP sign, proceed 3/4 of the way around the circle, following the signs for Route 531 South & The Plainfields. As Route 22 comes into view, prepare to turn left to go over the ramp. Look for the blue "H" (hospital route) sign.

At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Somerset Street. Once you've crossed into Plainfield, Somerset Street becomes Park Avenue. Go under the railroad trestle and begin looking at the cross streets which have numbers. 8th Street is about 5 blocks beyond the railroad. Just after the light at West 8th Street, turn right into the Library parking lot.

From ROUTE 22 (East or West)

Take exit marked "Somerset St. - The Plainfields." (From East, drive under the overpass. Turn right and right again onto overpass. Proceed as above.

From the South via NJ TURNPIKE

Turnpike North to Garden State Parkway North. Go north one exit to 131-A on the Parkway. Follow directions below from Parkway.

From the South via GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

Take Exit 131-A which becomes Wood Avenue. Proceed under the railroad tracks to the traffic light at the top of the hill and turn left onto Oak Tree Road. Continue for approximately 3 miles, then turn right on Park Avenue to 8th Street (6 traffic lights). Turn left into lot.

By NJ Transit Train

Take the Raritan Valley Rail Line to the Plainfield Train Station. The Library is 4 blocks south on Park Avenue.

By NJ Transit Bus

- The **#65** and the **#114** stop at W. 7th Street and Park Avenue. Walk 1 block up Park Avenue to W. 8th Street.
- The **#59** stops at W. 5th Street and Watchung Avenue. Walk 5 blocks to the Library.
- The **#113** stops at Front Street and Park Avenue. Walk 6 blocks to the Library.
- The **#819** stops at W. 8th Street and Park Avenue. It also stops at the Metuchen Rail Station.
- The **#822** stops at W. 8th Street and Park Avenue.

If you have additional questions about how to get to the Library via NJ Transit, contact NJ Transit Information at 973-275-5555 or www.njtransit.com.

Library and Street Parking

The Library occupies one square block between 8th and 9th Streets and between Park Avenue and College Place. There are two parking lots, located at either end of the building. All parking is free, including street parking.

