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Plainfield Public Library Makes Early Newspapers & City Directories Available Online

The Plainfield Public Library announces that two important historical resources are now available to the public online. Previously only accessible from Library computers or on microfilm, Plainfield's early newspapers and local city directories are now searchable from any internet-ready computer. The PDF documents are searchable using keywords or phrases and searches can be limited by a year or decade. The databases were created and are provided by Digital Memory Media, a premier digitization company located in East Brunswick, NJ.

Our collection of digitized early local newspapers, dating from 1837 to 1918, contain the following seven titles: *Plainfield Union* (1837-1852), *Central New Jersey Times* (1868-1880), *The Constitutionalist* (1868-1911), *Plainfield Evening News* (1884-1894), *The Plainfield Courier* (1891-1894), *Plainfield Daily Press* (1887-1916), and the *Plainfield Record* (1916-1918). *The Suburbanite* (1903-1909), a monthly magazine, is also included. The digitized newspapers are located at http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/LH/LH_digitizednewspapers.html

In addition to the newspapers, the Plainfield city directories are now available online. The city directories span 1870 to 1982, with gaps, with varying information on the city over the one hundred and twelve year span of their coverage. The earliest directory held by the Library is the Elizabeth directory for 1870, which includes an eleven-page section for Plainfield businesses. By the time the final directory was published in 1982, its roughly 700 pages were dedicated to Plainfield and North Plainfield exclusively. The digitized city directories are located at http://www.digifind-it.com/plainfield/city_directories.php

The Plainfield Public Library is located at 800 Park Avenue. For hours of operation, call 908-757-1111 or check the website at *plainfieldlibrary.info*.

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