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Plainfield Public Library Hip Hop Archive Exhibition

The Plainfield Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new collection to our local history archive. Long-time resident Kurtiss Jackson will make a formal donation of his 25-year archive of Hip Hop related prints, video, audio, memorabilia and ephemera on Saturday, May 21, 2016. We encourage all community residents to attend. The exhibition of items from the collection will begin in April and include private tours, special presentations and topical workshops which will be detailed in the coming weeks.

The Plainfield Public library archive, which preserves thousands of rare documents and photographs, has become the most extensive history collection in Union County. As the home of many unique collections from diverse local backgrounds, the Plainfield Public Library, through its new Hip Hop Archive, will preserve artifacts and educate visitors about the impact of this phenomenal American sub-culture.

Kurtiss Jackson aka Kurt Nice, is a behind-the-scenes pioneer in the Hip Hop genre, creating the first nationally distributed video mix tape series, *Shades of Hip Hop*, in the late 1990s. After touring the U.S. with the Stop the Violence Movement and the Temple of Hip Hop as KRS-ONE's National Marketing Director (2009), Kurt Nice has been a constant commentator on conscious Hip Hop and its relevance to the new rap music of today through radio and cable appearances. Kurt is the author of two books on Hip Hop, and publisher of a digital magazine series *Hip Hop Lives*. He has produced numerous radio programs as well as live events and is currently a small business owner and Senior Graphic Designer for the Essex Times Newspaper.

The Hip Hop exhibition will be on display through the end of July and made available thereafter for research by students, journalists and collectors. Make plans to join us on May 21 or contact us for information about workshops and private tours of the Hip Hop exhibition.

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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