

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Plainfield Public Library Receives New Jersey Historical Commission Grant

The Plainfield Public Library recently received a \$13,050.00 Project Grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State. This grant will provide the funding to continue the Library's long-term project of "Blueprint Preservation Microfilming."

The goal of this project is to complete the microfilming of the historical architectural drawings and blueprints in our Detwiller Collection. Thousands of our blueprints have already been microfilmed for free public access. This round will include nearly 2,000 additional sets of drawings. The long-range plan of the Library is to continue to microfilm and also digitize these types of primary-source materials and make them available through our website whenever possible, providing Internet access for our many users in other states and other countries.

The Library will outsource the microfilming to Hudson Archival in Port Ewen, NY. Hudson is an experienced microfilming service that utilizes special microfilm machines that can accommodate the very large size of the architectural drawings. We have worked with them on the previous round of this project.

For more information about the project, please contact the Local History Department at 908-757-1111 ext. 136. 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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