

## Plainfield library to hold Tri-County History Fair

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(Photo: ~Courtesy of Plainfield Public Library)

PLAINFIELD - The city's public library is set to host the Tri-County History Fair on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The fair is for Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties and will include historical discovery, resource sharing, raffles and more, according to a news release.

It will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will host over 20 local history organizations, museums and libraries exhibiting and promoting their historical collections.

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The event will be around the fountain on the lower floor of the library, 800 Park Ave. There will be one exhibit on display, Plainfield City Wildlife by local photographer Carl Monopoli, in the Anne Louise Davis room at the same time.

This year's program is:

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Maxine Lurie, author and history professor at Seton Hall University, will present "Tri-County Images from Envisioning New Jersey: an Illustrated History of the Garden State."

From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Eugene Armstead, New Jersey chapter president of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, will present "Pushing Through: Dealing with Road Blocks and Family Lore."

Between lectures, there will be a free antique appraisal session provided by Winterhill Antiques of Scotch Plains. Registration is requested but not required.

Throughout the day, raffles will be drawn including one grand-prize AncestryDNA testing kit valued at \$100. Upon entry, each attendee will receive one free raffle ticket.

All activities will be indoors and free to the public. The library is a handicap-accessible facility. Contact the Local History Department for details and to register for the antiques appraisal program, which will be limited to 20 registrants with two items per person. Appraisals will be completed as time permits.

Confirmed exhibitors include: the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society-NJ Chapter; Elizabeth Public Library Local History & Special Collections; Genealogical Society of New Jersey; Genealogical Society of the West Fields; Green Brook Historical Society; Historical Society of Plainfield/Drake House Museum; League of Historical Societies; Metuchen-Edison Historical Society; Miller-Cory House Museum; Morristown/Morris Township Library; New Brunswick Free Public Library; Plainfield Historic Preservation Commission; Plainfield Symphony Society; Proprietary House; Somerset County Historical Society; Somerset County Library System; South Plainfield Historical Society; The Duchess Bookstore; Van Wyck

Brooks Historic District; and Union Township Historical Society/Caldwell Parsonage.

For more information, contact the city's history department at 908-757-1111, ext. 136, or visit [plainfieldlibrary.info](http://plainfieldlibrary.info) (<http://plainfieldlibrary.info>).

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