

# New Jersey History

Plainfield Public Library Pathfinder

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If you're doing research on New Jersey, the Plainfield Public Library has its own collection of New Jersey themed books.

For a general history of the state, try **New Jersey: A History** (NJ 974.9 K95). This multi-volume set gives highly detailed information ranging from the Native Americans who lived in the state to the formation of the state government. If you're looking for some historical facts that don't show up in the books, try **Discover The Hidden New Jersey** by Russell Roberts (NJ 974.9 R54D).



If you're planning a trip to the state, or just trying to find places to go, **New Jersey Day Trips** by Barbara Hudgins and Patrick Sarver (NJ 917.49 HUD 2004) is a good read. **New Jersey: Off the Beaten Path** by William G. and Ray Scheller (NJ 917.49 SCH).

If you're looking for local historical information, try **Images of America: Plainfield** by John A. Grady (NJ 974.936 GRA), which contains lots of historical photos.

If you're looking up the local folklore, **Pine Barrens: Legends & Lore** by William McMahon (NJ 398 MCM) is a good place to start. Weird NJ's website is also worth checking out at <http://www.weirdnj.com/>.

Looking up information about Plainfield itself? The library has a reprint of the 1929 book **History of Plainfield and North Plainfield** by F.T. Smiley (R 974.939 SMI). It is located at the reference desk.

Check out the New Jersey Historical Society on the Internet at <http://www.jerseyhistory.org/>.