# You and Local History



Perfect Together!



Visit the
Local History Room
of the
Plainfield Public Library NJ

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#### Volunteer Opportunities



in Local History

Consider donating your time to the Plainfield Public Library

### What Issues Should I Consider?

- What is my availability?Weekdays? Weekends? Day or evening?
- Am I looking for a short- or a long-term project?
- O Do I have any special talents or abilities?
  - o Bi-lingual
  - Library skills
  - Proof-checking
  - Technical proficiency
  - Typing skills
- O Do I have any physical limitations?

## What Types of Volunteer Opportunities are Available

- ► Photographs Help identify people and places in our historical photographs
- ► Indexing Indexing of Plainfield reference materials
- Writing Transcription Transcription of historical manuscripts, ledgers, and record books
- ► Audio Transcription —
  Transcription of oral history interviews and meetings
- ► Vertical Files Photocopy and file newspaper clippings
- **Data Entry** Keying in data about collection materials into an electronic database
- Digitizing Materials scan prints, negatives and slides for digital databases

### How to Become a Volunteer

- Volunteers must be available at times between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
   Monday through Friday.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old for most of the Department's volunteer positions.
- o There are a limited number of volunteer projects for high school students who are at least 14 years old and recommended by a teacher or parent. Students are advised to apply for volunteer openings early in the school year.
- The Department does not accept any court-ordered community service.

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