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2017 Archives and History Day Is Oct. 14 at Library HQ

Monmouth County Inventors and Innovators to be highlighted

MANALAPAN, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon announced that the County Clerk's 22nd Annual Archives and History Day will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

“After many months of hard work, the planning for Archives and History Day is nearing completion,” said Hanlon. “This great event provides the opportunity to learn about the history of Monmouth County, with a specific focus on Monmouth County inventors and innovators.”

“Thousands of Monmouth County residents have been awarded patents and others conceived excellent ideas that were never patented but which influenced daily life,” Monmouth County Archivist Gary Saretzky said. “The exhibit will highlight a selection of both renowned and obscure inventions and their inventors.”

Archives and History Day on Oct. 14 will feature a History Forum on the theme of invention with a panel of historians. The event will also include a history game with prizes and more than 60 exhibitors from across New Jersey showcasing and promoting their roles in preserving and promoting history. Some tables for history organizations are still available.

During the plenary session from 11:15 a.m. to noon, the M. Claire French Award for Leadership in Historic Preservation will be presented to Middletown Township Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger and the Jane G. Clayton Award will be presented to Brielle Historian John Belding. There will also be a special performance by the New Jersey Rock and Roll Chorus.

“Both of these recipients are very deserving of recognition and it is my honor to present these awards to two community leaders who have made a lasting mark in Monmouth County,” Hanlon said.

At 1 p.m., Keynote Speaker Paul Israel, Director and General Editor of the Thomas Edison Papers, will use historic images to discuss invention in New Jersey. His talk will focus on how New Jersey became a leader in telecommunications and electrical innovation long before the emergence of Silicon Valley.

As the County’s caretaker of historic documents for the past 30 years, the County Clerk’s Archives staff has also prepared an exhibit, opening Oct. 2, entitled, “New Jersey in Focus: Inventors and Innovators in Monmouth County.”

During the week leading up to the Saturday event, there will be various programs, beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. with a screening of an invention-themed movie, hosted by the Monmouth County Library, to be announced.

On Oct. 11 beginning at 9:30 a.m., Monmouth County Archives Record Analyst George Joynson will give a lecture about Monmouth County inventors. At 1 p.m., Edward Eckert, Nokia Bell Labs Corporate Archivist and Sr. Manager of IIS Intellectual Property Services will present, “Nokia Bell Labs: Nine Decades of Inventing the Future.”

The final Archives Week program, co-sponsored by the Monmouth County Library, will be on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m., when Richard Frenkiel, formerly of Bell Labs and currently Senior Advisor, WINLAB, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rutgers University will address, “Wires and Waves: How We All Got Connected. A Brief History of Modern Communications.”

“This year’s events promise to have something for everyone to enjoy. So, bring the family, enjoy the exhibits and learn something new about New Jersey’s history,” said Hanlon.

A complete schedule of Archives and History Week events can be found on the Monmouth County Archives Division website at

<http://www.VisitMonmouth.com/Archives>

For additional information on Archives and History Day, contact the Monmouth County Archives at (732) 308 - 3771 x3772 or email CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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