Archives Month activities organized by the Monmouth County Archives at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan, New Jersey, involved the following educational and celebratory events:

Patriotic ceremony


October 10, 1pm-3pm. "Nineteenth Century Monmouth County Photographers," lecture presented by Gary D. Saretzky, Monmouth County Archives.

October 13. 9am-3pm. 12th Annual Archives and History Day. Program (http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.asp?agency=9&Section=1717&Id=1922) included:

1. Featured speaker: Dr. Walter Greason, History Department, Ursinus College, "Reimagining the Garden of Eden: How Monmouth County Became a Suburban Paradise."

2. Seminar, "The CAPES Program: Archival Consultants for Historical Collections," presented by Carla Zimmerman, CAPES Coordinator; Marc Mappen, Executive Director, New Jersey Historical Commission; Joseph Da Rold, Director, Plainfield Public Library; and Bob Crane, Executive Director, Friends of the Bruce Springsteen Collection at the Asbury Park Public Library.

3. Exhibition tables with displays staffed by representatives from more than 60 historical agencies and organizations in New Jersey.

4. Video Room: Selections from the Monmouth County Archives TV 34 News Video Collection and screening of Archives and History Day 2006, featuring lecture by Charles McSorley on Civil War photographer Mathew Brady.

5. The Jersey Shore in Monmouth County: An Exhibition of Documents and Photographs (on view October 1-31, catalog at http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.asp?agency=9&Section=1678&Id=2127)
6. New Jersey History Game. Attendees answered quiz based on the Jersey Shore exhibit. Prizes awarded at random to those who got the questions all correct. Quiz at http://co.monmouth.nj.us/page.asp?agency=9&Section=1725&Id=2118

7. Tour of the Monmouth County Archives.
8. Annual Awards presentations:

   Jane G. Clayton Award (for Monmouth County history) to Karen L. Schnitzpahn, presented by County Clerk M. Claire French.

   MARAC/New Jersey Caucus Institutional Award to Cape May County Clerk's Office, presented by former Caucus Chair Gary D. Saretzky to Cape May County Clerk Rita Fulginiti.

   Roger McDonough Award (lifetime achievement in archives/library profession), presented to Lois Densky-Wolff by Ronald L. Becker, on behalf of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance, New Jersey Historical Commission, New Jersey Library Association History and Preservation Section, and Special Collections and University Archives, Rutgers University Libraries.
7. Presentation of Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders Proclamation of Archives and History Day by Freeholder Lillian Burry to County Clerk M. Claire French.

Approximately 300 people attended the event and enjoyed the exhibits, educational programs, and networking opportunities.

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