

Spring exhibits at the Libraries:

- 1/16–4/16 **From Rebellion to Review Board,** John Cotton Dana Library
- 2/21–8/10 **New Jersey First: The Life and Legacy of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg,** Alexander Library
- 3/1–4/30 **Who Was Paul Robeson?** Paul Robeson Library

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Continuing the Campaign for Affordable Textbooks

Last year, at the behest of President Barchi, the Libraries piloted the Open and Affordable Textbooks (OAT) Program to address the issue of textbook affordability at Rutgers. The program, which awards instructors who replace traditional textbooks with low- or no-cost materials, was so successful in its inaugural year that we formalized its status and carried it into its second cycle for 2017–2018.

You can imagine how pleased we were to announce earlier this semester that with the latest round of grants, **3,474** students across the university will save an estimated **\$565,989** in textbook costs in the year to come. This brings the total savings to over **\$2.1 million** since the program's inception.

Rutgers students spend an average of \$1,500 each year on textbooks and, according to research by the Open Textbook Network and Student PIRGs, two-thirds of students report forgoing a required textbook because of cost. This has serious implications for academic performance as well as retention and graduation rates, and we are incredibly proud to help curb these trends.

We are grateful for the support of the Camden College of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers–Camden, who funded eight \$500 awards, and to alumni William P. and Rebecca A. Keane, who generously sponsored an additional award.



Krisellen Maloney, vice president for information services and university librarian.

Expanding Support for the Health Sciences

This spring, the Libraries expanded our support for the health sciences on the Busch campus, initiating plans to provide a dedicated health sciences space and increase the presence of health sciences librarians at the Library of Science and Medicine. For more information, visit libraries.rutgers.edu/health_sciences.



A New Look for the IJS

The Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers–Newark recently revealed a sleek new logotype that reflects its position at the cutting edge of jazz research. For the latest on the institute's collections, programs, and events, visit libraries.rutgers.edu/jazz.



Regina Koury accepted the position of director of Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers–Camden effective January 16.

A New Director for Paul Robeson Library

We were delighted to welcome **Regina Koury** as the new director of Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers University–Camden effective January 16.

In this position, Koury will provide leadership for all aspects of library service and foster a strong sense of community service and commitment to diversity on campus. She will also play a key role in developing systemwide priorities and infrastructure for the Libraries.

“I look forward to working with excellent staff, students, and faculty; to continue expanding outstanding library services, collections, and spaces; and to collaborating on existing and new initiatives in support of the Rutgers–Camden community,” Koury said.

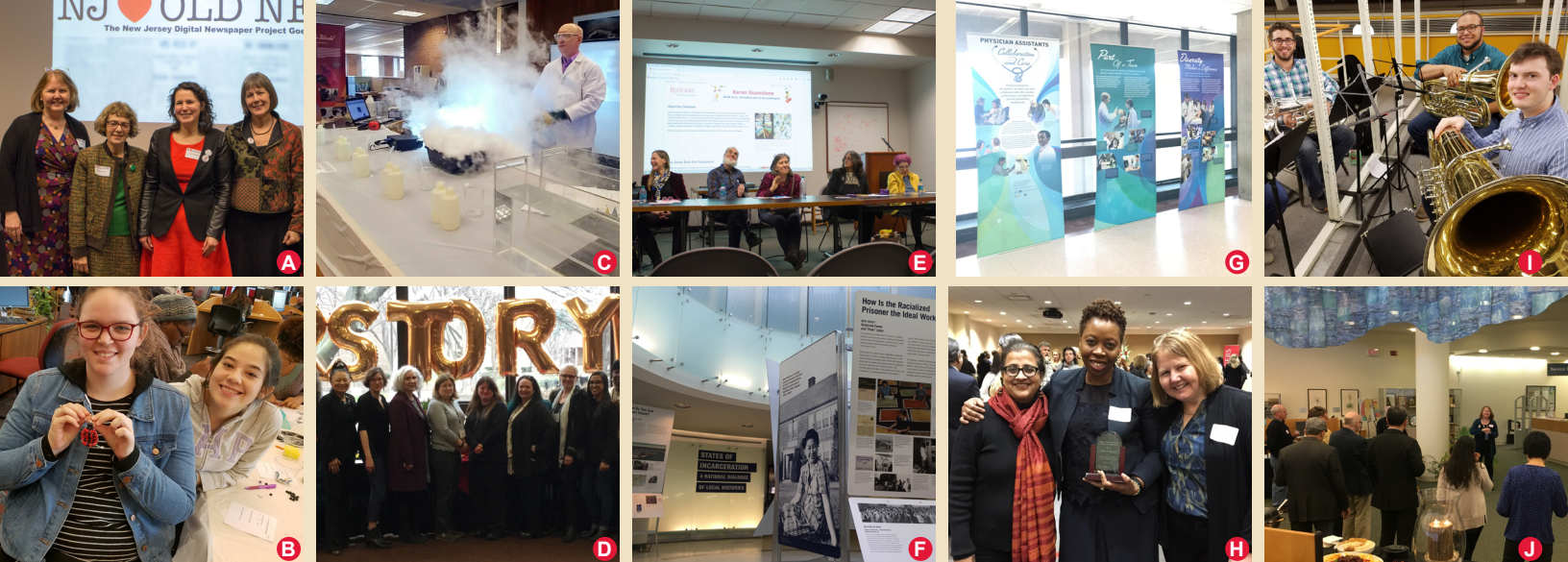
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Small Bytes from around the Libraries

A The **New Jersey Digital Newspaper Project** celebrated the availability of the *Perth Amboy Evening News* on the Library of Congress's *Chronicling America* website • The Libraries successfully completed the first stage of our iterative **website redesign**, helping connect users to our most popular resources • **B** Carr Library hosted its first **arts and crafts** activity for students in December • Reference librarian John Powell led a celebration of the **120th birthday of Paul Robeson** as part of his Rutgers–Camden Engaged Civic Fellowship • **C** Chemistry professor Bob Porcja presented his **“Unorthodox Review of Chemistry 162”** at the Library of Science and Medicine for Geek Week • Women’s studies librarian Kayo Denda and archivist Fernanda Perrone coauthored ***The Douglass Century: Transformation of the Women’s College at Rutgers University***, published by Rutgers University Press in April • **D** Reference and instruction librarians Julie Still and Zara Wilkinson were named Rutgers–Camden **Women of Excellence** during Women’s History Month • Dana Library sponsored a series of workshops on fostering **deliberative dialogues** about pressing social issues in March • **E** The *Opposition* book arts exhibit concluded with a book artists’ panel in January • Carr Library partnered with University Career Services to host **career workshops and drop-in resume critiques** throughout the spring semester • **F** Douglass Library hosted the **States of Incarceration** exhibit and conference focusing on the history of Seabrook Farms and mass incarceration in the U.S. • The Art Library hosted an exhibit exploring the work of **iconic children’s authors** through the lens of landscape architecture • **G** We hosted a **traveling National Library of Medicine exhibit** on physician assistants • **H** Instructional design librarian Leslin Charles received an award for **generosity and commitment to the education of Rutgers students** from Undergraduate Academic Affairs in New Brunswick • **I** Douglass Library welcomed a **student brass quartet** for a performance during finals week • **J** Chang Library hosted an **open house** for the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences in February.

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Senator Frank Lautenberg

In 2013, United States Senator Frank Lautenberg donated his papers to Rutgers University—for the second time.

He had originally pledged his papers to the university in 2000, after completing his third term in office. A brief retirement later, however, Lautenberg decided to reenter the political sphere, serving for additional terms in 2002 and 2008. The papers ultimately arrived at Rutgers five years ago, after the senator’s death due to viral pneumonia at the age of 89. He was the oldest sitting senator at the time.

Processing the collection proved to be another multiyear endeavor. Beginning in 2015, a team led by archivist **Sheridan Sayles** meticulously sorted through 2,250 boxes provided by the senator’s office. Their contents ranged from constituent correspondence, research files, and photographs to campaign memorabilia and audiovisual materials in formats running the gamut from floppy disks to U-matic tapes.

Fast forward to 2018, and the collection is making its first foray into the public.

New Jersey First: The Life and Legacy of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg is on display at Alexander Library through August 10. The exhibition includes over a dozen cases and displays highlighting the senator’s life, political campaigns, and many policy achievements.

Throughout his Senate career of more than 28 years, Lautenberg championed for causes including civil rights, public transportation, gun control, environmental safety, consumer protection, and public health. He helped raise the federal drinking age to 21, ban smoking on domestic airline flights and in buildings receiving federal funding, provide federal services to AIDS patients, and prevent domestic abusers from purchasing firearms. He served on many Senate committees, including the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, and Environmental Health (which he chaired).

He was also a great supporter of Rutgers, advocating for federal funding for student aid and research. For these efforts, he was awarded the prestigious Rutgers Medal in 2000.

Senator Lautenberg’s daughter Ellen spoke about her father’s deep ties to Rutgers and to New Jersey at the exhibition opening in February.

“He really was very proud of Rutgers. It was important to him that his papers were here, because it is the state university of New Jersey and he was really a kid from New Jersey,” she said. “I’m glad that we were able to see that project through.”

Prior to his life in politics, Lautenberg served as CEO of Automatic Data Processing (ADP), a computer payroll company founded by his former classmates, whose foundation provided

generous funding to support processing the collection.

The Senator Frank R. Lautenberg Papers join the political papers of more than

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20 New Jersey senators, governors, and representatives in Special Collections and University Archives—including those of Millicent Fenwick, who ran an unsuccessful campaign for a seat against Lautenberg in 1982, giving him his first victory.

“Taken together, these collections constitute a tremendously useful resource for anyone studying the intricacies of political history in New Jersey,” said **Dee Magnoni**, assistant vice president for information services and director of New Brunswick Libraries.

The Lautenberg Papers will be made available for research later this year.

Our New Faculty and Staff

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