We were delighted to welcome Regina Koury as the new director of Paul Robeson Library at Rutgers–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.
### 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.

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### Small Bytes from around the Libraries

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Carr Library partnered with University Career Services to host career workshops and drop-in resume critiques throughout the spring semester.
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### Budget and Operations

Throughout his Senate career of more than 28 years, Lautenberg championed 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.”

—Ellen Lautenberg

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.

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### Our New Faculty and Staff

- Matt Bridgeman, Information and Education Librarian, Robert Wood Johnson Library
- Laura Costello, Virtual Reference Services Librarian, Shared User Services
- Regina Koury, Director, Paul Robeson Library
- Ayesha Salim, Business Specialist, John Cotton Dana Library

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### Our Alumni

- Kindle Smith, 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