TEACHING ABOUT NEW JERSEY
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A sampling of curriculum resources about New Jersey for grades K-12. See the Library's online catalog for additional resources about New Jersey. Internet resources can be found at the Curriculum Materials web page,  

Text Books:

Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 974.9 Aft 2004 Gr. 4-6

Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 974.9 Gib 2004 Gr. 4-8.

Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 974.9 Gib 2000 Gr. 4

Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 974.9 McG 2001 Gr.4

Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 917.49 Aft 2000 Gr. 4-8 (Spanish Edition)  
Call number: Curr.Mats. Text 917.49 Aft 2004 Gr. 4-8

Teaching Aids:

Call number: Curr.Mats. F133 .B647 2004


Peachtree City, GA: Gallopade International. (Grades 2-6).

Call number: Curr.Mats. JK3517 .N548 2010

"The voice with the smile will be gone for a while:" The 1947 nationwide strike of the telephone workers against AT&T with special attention to women telephone workers of Newark, New Jersey: Teacher's guide & lesson plans (Grades 4-12). (2000). Haledon, NJ: The American Labor Museum. (Grades 4-12).

Juvenile Fiction, Folklore and Legends:

After the Revolution a boy becomes the captive of a ruthless man who has set up his own “nation,” supported by piracy on a remote part of the New Jersey coast.
Call number: J Avi

Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge while living in Princeton.
Call number: J Blu

Three immigrant girls from different parts of the world meet and become close friends in New Jersey. Their relationships are tested when one girl’s mother is accused of stealing a precious heirloom.
Call number: J Bud
Living in Flemington, New Jersey, in 1935, twelve-year-old Katie Leigh Flynn describes the effect on her small town of the ongoing trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh’s baby son.

**Call number: J Bry**

Wren inadvertently saves the life of expelled lacrosse player Grayson and embarks on an awkward romance that compels both to start over again.

**Call number: J Con**

When he finds some mysterious balls of light in his photographs during a class trip, New Jersey boy Mark begins a "Weird Club" to investigate strange phenomena, and his first case involves the Jersey Devil.

**Call number: J Fai**

Everyone knew Tempe Wick was a most surprising girl, but they found out just how surprising when two mutinous Revolutionary soldiers tried to steal her beloved horse.

**Call number: J Gau**

Homer, L. C. (1979). *Blackbeard the pirate and other stories of the Pine Barrens*. Wallingford, PA: Middle Atlantic Press. (Grades 4-8).
Short stories set in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, featuring both real people and legendary figures.

**Call number: J Hom**

A collection of tales based on facts or legends from all over the state of New Jersey.

**Call number: J Hom**

A collection of colonial and revolutionary war tales of Bergen County.

**Call number: J Liv**
While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore Chad faces his best friend’s serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away.
**Call number: J Lub**

Although adoption has taken them out of the institution they grew up in, two brothers remain involved with their friend’s attempts to become adopted herself.
**Call number: J Mye**

For thousands of years, quartz fragments have traveled down the Delaware River, washing ashore near a place settled by the Dutch explorer Cornelius Jacobson Mey, where they are gathered as treasures and known as Cape May Diamonds.
**Call number: J Nob**

Relates the origins of the Jersey Devil, a monstrous creature that has reportedly haunted the Pine Barrens region of New Jersey since 1735 menacing townspeople, worrying livestock, and causing all manners of ill.
**Call number: J Nob**

Tired of working as a librarian in Alaska, Aunt Lulu takes her sled and fourteen Huskies and moves to Parsippany, New Jersey.
**Call number: J Pin**

Arthur goes to pick up the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner but comes back with a 260 pound chicken.
**Call number: J Pin**

Sixteen-year-old Jem and her servant struggle to keep things going at home in Trenton, New Jersey, when the family men join the war for independence from the British king.
**Call number: J Rin**
Andy, his Dad, and their dog Chester spend a mysterious day in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey where Andy learns about and thinks he sees the Jersey Devil.

**Call number:** J See

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome the after effects of their cancer treatments before their eighth grade graduation.

**Call number:** J Son

Nine-year-old Asa helps his father by leading the mules that pull his canal boat across New Jersey.

**Call number:** P J Yez

**Biographies:**

A biography of astronaut Buzz Aldrin, born in Montclair, NJ, and his dream to walk on the moon.

**Call number:** jB Aldrin

Follow the life of Clara Maass as she wins her nursing pin and cap in 1898 to her work with yellow fever, and her love of the old Newark German Hospital she trained in.

**Call number:** j610.73 Cun

The story of three boys from the tough neighborhoods of Newark, New Jersey who made a friendship pact that would get them through college and medical school.

**Call number:** j920 Dav

This photo biography of Albert Einstein was published to coincide with the year that marks the 50th anniversary of his death. Einstein immigrated to America in 1933, and settled in Princeton, NJ.

**Call number:** jB Einstein
A look at the life of the amazing inventor and scientist who lived and worked in his laboratory in Menlo Park, NJ which was eventually relocated in West Orange, NJ.
**Call number: jB Edison**

A biography of the black man who grew up in Princeton, New Jersey and became a famous singer, actor, and spokesman for equal rights for his people.
**Call number: jB Rob**

Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury served as a captain in the Continental Army and fought alongside Washington in Trenton, NJ. His troops wintered in Morristown.
**Call number: jB Ham**

This former Governor of New Jersey became the President and led us through World War I.
**Call number: jB Wil**

Meet Harry Devlin artist, architect, historian, writer, and a lifelong resident of New Jersey.
**Call number: j759.13 Mit**

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

A history of New Jersey’s famous and not-so-famous inventions and inventers.
**Call number: j609.749 Bar**

Discover the sons and daughters, beautiful sights, and famous landmarks of New Jersey.
**Call number: j974.9 Cam**

**Call number: j974.9 Dub**


**Call number: j974.9 Fre**

Gallagher, W. B. (1997). *When dinosaurs roamed New Jersey*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press. (Grades 2-5). Discover the locations in New Jersey where dinosaur bones and fossil have been found.

**Call number: j567.9 Gal**

Greenberg, K. E. (1996). *Bomb squad officer: Expert with explosives*. Woodbridge, CT: Blackbirch Press. (Grades 4-8). Presents the life and career of Timothy Hajj, a bomb-squad officer in Newark, NJ.

**Call number: j363.259 Gre**


**Call number: j598.072 Hoo**

*Jersey fresh from the garden state*. (1999). Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Department of Agriculture. (Grades 2-5). Learn about the foods grown by New Jersey farmers and the nutrients they provide.

**Call number: j630 Jer**


**Call number: j974.9 Map**

Mis, M. S. (2002). *How to draw New Jersey’s sights and symbols*. New York, NY: PowerKids Press. (Grades 3-6). Learn about New Jersey’s sights and symbols, including the state seal, the state flag, and others, then follow step-by-step instructions for drawing them.

**Call number: j974.9 Mis**
Three Arab-American girls learn about their family and cultural history from their grandmother, who grew up in Cairo, Egypt, and moved to New Jersey after her marriage.
**Call number: j305.89 Mor**

Learn how George Washington’s crossing of the Delaware River helped save the Revolutionary war.
**Call number: j973.3 Mur**

Examines the history, geography, cities, and people of the Garden State.
**Call number: j974.9 Mur**

Modeled after the McGuffey readers, contents include a New Jersey Pledge, the Lenape history, a four season poem, Molly Pitcher story, and New Jersey timeline.
**Call number: j810.8 Nob**

Examines the history of New Jersey, the people, their struggle for equality, and their fight for independence.
**Call number: j974.901 Orr**

Students learn about the Mid-Atlantic region while making an assortment of crafts.
**Call number: j745.509 Pon**

Introduces the life cycle of the horseshoe crab, with a focus on the annual mass-spawning event at Delaware Bay.
**Call number: j595.4 Sch**
Describes the geography, plants, animals, history, economy, religions, culture, sports, arts, and people of the Garden State.
Call number: j974.9 Ste

Provides an overview of New Jersey’s geographic regions, including their resources, landforms, industries, climate, and transportation.

- *New Jersey history.* Call number: j974.9 Ste
- *New Jersey native peoples.* Call number: j974.9 Ste
- *New Jersey plants & animals.* Call number: j578.09 Ste
- *People of New Jersey.* Call number: j974.9 Ste
- *Uniquely New Jersey.* Call number: j974.9 Ste

Relates the history of the colony of New Jersey from its founding in 1664 to statehood in 1778.
Call number: j974.902 Whi

The history of the Meadowlands, from its pristine state, to its gradual transformation by European settlers, to the pollution caused by industrialization and the environmental groups striving to protect it.
Call number: P J Yez

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