



New Jersey: State of Invention

A Fun and Unique event for any lover of **New Jersey** and its History

Saturday, June 28, 2014

1:00-4:30 PM, reception to follow

Scholarly Communication Center, 4th Floor, Alexander Library

To register: <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/njinvents>

New Jersey is a state of many firsts, the light bulb, the bandaid, the phonograph, the movies. Spend an entertaining and enlightening afternoon learning about the people, places and culture of invention in NJ, the state of invention!

Featured Presentations

Thomas Edison, the most prolific US inventor of all time and a shaper of the age of electricity. Presentation by Edison biographer, Paul Israel, Director of the Edison Papers Project



Guglielmo Marconi, the primary inventor of the radio and a shaper, with Edison, of the age of electricity. A man with many ties to New Jersey. An intimate portrait by his daughter, keynote speaker Princess Elettra Marconi Giovanelli



Other presentations explore the culture of invention at Bell and RCA Labs, the role that libraries and librarians play in supporting innovation, and 21st century inventors as represented by Rutgers Students.

A **reception** will feature exhibits from the Edison Papers, Progetto Marconi (Boston, MA), the InfoAge Science History Center (Belmar, NJ) and The New Jersey Digital Highway, the statewide digital cultural heritage portal (www.njdigitalhighway.org)

And food! The many food inventions of New Jersey, including the graham cracker, the domesticated blueberry, Taylor pork roll, salt water taffy and, of course, pizza from the first pizza restaurant in America, PaPa's Tomato Pies (Robbinsville, NJ)



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