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## **The Newport Historical Society Hosts Open House at the Headquarters Building**

*Library & Collections Resources Temporarily Closed Beginning November 14th*



*A detail from the model showing the completed building improvements to the Newport Historical Society Headquarters on Touro Street.*

**Newport, RI – (October 14, 2014)** – On **Friday, October 24 from 4-5 pm** the Newport Historical Society will host a community Open House at 82 Touro Street. All are invited attend this free event to review the worksite and project plans of the Resource Center Rehabilitation.

To accommodate the ongoing construction work, the Society is closing access to its library and collections resources beginning *November 14, 2014*. The Society will strive to keep the closure as brief as possible.

“We understand how vital our collections resources are to the community, to scholars

and to our mission,” explains the Society’s Executive Director Ruth Taylor. “During this temporary transition, we encourage everyone to utilize our online resources, such as the Gladys database and our many finding aids, which are available at [NewportHistory.org](http://NewportHistory.org), and to visit the Museum of Newport History.”

The improvements include a new entrance, restructured staff parking, upgraded collections storage, and an elevator for handicap accessibility to the library, along with other renovations to modernize the historic property. Follow the building progress on the Society’s social media sites at: [facebook.com/NewportHistory](https://facebook.com/NewportHistory), and on Twitter and Instagram [@NewportHistory](https://twitter.com/NewportHistory). “Anyone with questions about the building plans should contact us,” Taylor concludes.

### **About the Newport Historical Society**

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit [www.NewportHistory.org](http://www.NewportHistory.org).

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