

Local History at the Levittown Library

On Tuesday, May 24, local historian and Levittown Leader consultant David Marable presented the book *Second Suburb: Levittown, Pennsylvania* as a donation to the Levittown Library. The book, which was published in 2010 by the University of Pittsburgh Press, is a collection of essays and photographs which explore Levittown and its singular place in American history. It includes chapters on Levittown's design, architecture, and lifestyle, along with personal reflections by longtime residents.

Linda Williams, the library manager, said that the book will be a welcome addition to the library's collection of Levittown books and memorabilia. The

library has a separate room devoted to housing its collection. The room is kept locked when not in use, but is open to the public during regular library hours. The archive room has often been used by students, writers and others interested in Levittown history, including *Second Suburb's* editor Dianne Harris and her team of researchers.

Mr. Marable served as a consultant in the making of the book. A lifelong Levittown resident, he has written extensively on hometown topics and has served as curator for many exhibits of local artifacts, including one at the State Museum in Harrisburg. He will be organizing an exhibit this summer at the Levittown Library. ■

At left, David Marable presents the book *Second Suburb* to Levittown Library Manager Linda Williams; above, a view of the archive room at the library.

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