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A pickup game at the corner of 11th Street and Avenue A in New York's East Village, 1977. Y'all see that guy climbing the fence, right? Courtesy of Geoffrey Biddle

ON DISPLAY CITY/GAME

The bond between basketball and the Big Apple is chronicled at the Museum of the City of New York

You may have heard how basketball was invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, who nailed peach baskets to the balconies at a Springfield, Massachusetts, YMCA, and players used soccer balls to score. The game has changed a lot since then (for one thing, basketballs are now used...) and being played across the planet, but basketball has become synonymous with a place140 miles south of Springfield: New York City.

Proving grounds like Holcombe Rucker Park in Harlem and the courts at West 4th Street in Greenwich Village, along with high schools like Cardinal Hayes in the Bronx and Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, have produced some of the NBA's greatest and most

polarizing players, like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Chris Mullin and Stephon Marbury. They all brought a sense of grit and swagger from the asphalt to the hardwood, epitomizing the city's mettle, contributing to its rich and legendary basketball history.

And once, believe it or not kids, the New York Knicks were the best in the land...

Now fans of the city's game can relish its history and influence. *City/Game: Basketball in New York* at the Museum of the City of New York reflects the cultural, social, economic, ethnic and racial history of the city while capturing the enthusiasm and progression of this game and the energy

of the legion of New Yorkers who play and love it. The exhibit features original objects and memorabilia, alongside captivating photographs, remarkable audio and scintillating video, highlighting the connections between basketball, music and fashion.

For free admission to this museum, pick up a museum pass at the Library's circulation desk. For more info on the museum program, go to hobokenlibrary.org/museum-passes.

City/Game: Basketball in New York is on display from February 14, 2020 to January 2021, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street. mcny.org

- Jason Stahl

A Feast for the Pages

Hobokenites opened their homes (and many bottles of wine) to support the Hoboken Public Library

Thanks to the generosity of our A Moveable Feast hosts, sponsors, donors, and more than 200 guests who attended one of the 14 literary parties, Friends of the Hoboken Public Library netted over \$20,000 that will directly benefit the Hoboken Public Library. The money will go toward programs, services and other needs outside the scope of the Library's operating budget. Perhaps even more valuable than the money raised is how these parties fulfilled the Library's mission of connecting people and building community, a sentiment shared by many of our hosts and guests, including Himali Kapil, saying A Moveable Feast was "A truly delightful experience featuring a wonderful, warm gathering of the friendliest folks who'd come together to eat, converse and celebrate."







"Never thought I'd say this, but I strongly recommend feasting in the company of library-loving strangers." – Himali Kapil





"Having our friends, cohost's friends and some new friends made for a lively party." – Alyse Battaglia







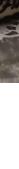


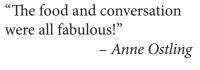


















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In memoriam: We mourn the loss of our friend and board member, True Moseley, who served as our membership chair, and send our deepest sympathies to her family and community.



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