

# NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

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## **SECRETS OF THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAYS**

*Book talk on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm*

Even to the most seasoned New Yorkers, the New York City subway system is full of secrets – art hidden in plain sight; staggering statistics; and a myriad of fascinating pieces of little-known history dating back to long before the subway opened. On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, join author and transit expert Oscar Israelowitz at the New York Transit Museum for a conversation about the fascinating quirks and historic significance of the 469 stations in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority system. Israelowitz will share highlights from his new book, [\*Secrets of the New York City Subways\*](#), an illustrated guide to every station in the system including work from prominent artists like Roy Lichtenstein, Heins & LaFarge, the Guastavino brothers, and Squire Vickers.

[\*Secrets of the New York City Subways\*](#) will be available for purchase in the Museum's store and in advance online at [www.nytransitmuseumstore.com](http://www.nytransitmuseumstore.com). Following the program, there will be a book signing with the author and an extended opportunity to explore the Transit Museum's current exhibits and decommissioned subway station home.

Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/SubwaySecrets> for \$10 (free for Museum members). Visit [www.mta.info/museum/programs](http://www.mta.info/museum/programs) for more information on Transit Museum programs and to purchase tickets.

### **ABOUT OSCAR ISRAELOWITZ:**

Oscar Israelowitz is an architectural consultant, licensed tour guide, professional photographer, and author of over fifteen self-published books, including [\*Secrets of the New York City Subways\*](#). His photography has been exhibited at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Brooklyn Museum and the New York Transit Museum. In more recent years, Mr. Israelowitz has been conducting guided tours of historic New York City neighborhoods and boat tours on the NY Water Taxi. Learn more at [www.IsraelowitzPublishing.com](http://www.IsraelowitzPublishing.com).

### **ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:**

The [New York Transit Museum](#), one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception nearly 40 years ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The New York Transit Museum operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that

presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

**What:** Book Talk: Secrets of the New York City Subways

**When:** Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00)

**Where:** New York Transit Museum  
Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street

**Admission:** \$10/Free for Museum members

**Tickets:** <http://bit.ly/SubwaySecrets>  
Complimentary press passes available.

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