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Community Partners Newark Public Library and La Casa de Don Pedro Offer Free English as a Second Language Classes at Three Locations This Fall



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The Newark Public Library, in partnership with La Casa de Don Pedro, will offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at three locations, free of charge. The ESL classes are made possible by funding from a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Readiness to support adult literacy and community-library collaborations.

Space is limited. Anyone interested in attending fall classes must preregister at La Casa de Don Pedro, 39 Broadway. Students will be placed in a class that will teach to their level of English fluency. Part of the pre-registration process is an interview to determine the best level for each ESL participant. For more information about preregistration, contact Jacqueline Perez, Program Assistant at La Casa, at (973) 481-4568, extension 3306.

Classes will be offered at three Library locations, at Main Library, located at 5 Washington Street, at Branch Brook Branch Library, located at 235 Clifton Avenue, and at Van Buren Branch Library, located at 140 Van Buren Street. Classes will begin in September and continue through November or December, depending on location. For more information about classes, contact Leslie Kahn, Reference Librarian at Newark Public Library, at (973) 733-7779, or by email at lkahn@npl.org.

ESL classes will enable adults to improve their English language proficiency and to master skills needed to participate in today's job market.

Since 1972, La Casa de Don Pedro has worked to improve the lives of individuals and families in Newark and Essex County. La Casa's social services and targeted community development assist more than 50,000 people annually.

Founded in 1888, Newark Public Library is the most comprehensive municipal library in the state, providing a broad range of programs and services. The Library is a busy hub for residents seeking access to the Internet, with public access computers in the Victoria Technology Center at Main Library and at branch libraries. Librarians and other staff members are able to assist job seekers with access to online job databases. The Library offers resources and computer classes to help individuals improve skills, as they prepare resumes, carry out online searches for employment, and complete online job applications.

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