



FRESH START @ YOUR LIBRARY

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Join us for the launch of Fresh Start @ Newark Public Library

Join us on **Thursday, March 12th at 10:30 AM** at the **Newark Public Library** in the **James Brown African American Room** for a special kick-off event, as we launch our **Fresh Start @ Your Library** reentry program. Learn more about the program and the support services that will be available for people who are returning to Essex County after incarceration.

Fresh Start @ Your Library is an initiative of the New Jersey State Library and offers ex-offenders services, resources, and referrals to community agencies and organizations.

RECONNECTING RETURNING CITIZENS WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES AT THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Participating Libraries:

- Atlantic City Free Public Library
- Cumberland County Library
- Long Branch Free Public Library
- **The Newark Public Library**
- Paterson Free Public Library
- Trenton Free Public Library
- Free Public Library of Philadelphia

The Newark Public Library is proud to partner with the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey State Parole Board, and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development to bring Fresh Start @ Your Library. Returning citizens can access the following services:

- ➔ **Community resource events** featuring various social service organizations, local nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.
- ➔ **On-site social workers** who will offer counseling and provide referrals to a wide array of services
- ➔ **GED prep programs and training software** will be available for those preparing to take high school equivalency exams. Qualifying applicants can take the test without charge. Paid exam slots will be available to the first 50 applicants to the New Jersey Parole Board.

**To RSVP to attend the Fresh Start @ Newark Public Library launch on March 12th,
please email Jessica Campbell at jcampbell@npl.org**

For more information about the program, visit www.njstatelib.org/freshstart and www.npl.org



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