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MEDIA ALERT: Newark Public Library Thanksgiving closure

The Newark Public Library closed to the public until Tuesday, December 8th

Newark, NJ – In accordance with Mayor Ras Baraka’s stay-at-home advisory, the Newark Public Library will close all of its 8 locations on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, through Monday, December 7th. All locations will open under the limited hour schedule on Tuesday, December 8th.

During that time:

- General Reference will be available via email at reference@npl.org, and via phone at 973-733-7779 (please leave a message).
- The NJ Information Center will be available via email at njreference@npl.org, and via phone at 973-733-7775.
- The NJ Hispanic Research and Information Center will be available via email at njhric@npl.org, and via phone at 973-733-4791.

Joslyn Bowling Dixon, Director of The Newark Public Library stated, “In an abundance of caution, The Newark Public Library is following the city’s initiative to help keep our staff and patrons safe. Thanksgiving is a special time for families and it is difficult to tell people to stay away from their loved ones. Closing our libraries until Tuesday, December 8th will help us ensure that staff are returning to work healthy and will not be putting their health or the health of our patrons at risk.”

The Main Library, and all 7 Branch Libraries, will re-open under the limited hour schedule on Tuesday, December 8th at 10 a.m. Please check our website (www.npl.org) for the exact times of opening, as all buildings close every hour in order to wipe down surfaces and help to ensure everyone’s safety.

About The Newark Public Library

Since 1889, The Newark Public Library has been an anchor institution in Newark. It is New Jersey’s most comprehensive public library, serving nearly 10,000 patrons per week and providing equal access for all to vast educational, cultural, literary, historical, and digital resources. Through its Main Library and seven branches, The Newark Public Library provides residents of Newark with reference help for job searches and accessing social services, ESL and computer classes, and family literacy programs. It also contains the New Jersey Hispanic Research and Information Center, the Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center, and the James Brown African American Room. To learn how to become involved with The Newark Public Library, please visit our website www.npl.org; or call Kirsten Giardi, Assistant Director for Development at 973.424.1832.