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**HONORING
CUDJO BANQUANTE!**

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tuesday

April 29th, 2025 | 6 PM

Newark Public Library - Main Branch

5 Washington Street Newark, NJ 07102
James Brown African American Room, 2nd Fl.

**Join us for a workshop on
beginning your family
history journey!**

Genealogists Janice Cross Gilyard and Cherekana Feliciano from the New Jersey chapter of the Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc. will share tools and tips for tracing your ancestry, focusing on the unique challenges and resources available for African American families

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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This workshop is part of a series of events honoring Cudjo Banquante visit: WWW.NPL.ORG/CUDJO or scan the QR code for the full schedule of events and to learn more about Cudjo!

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Cudjo Banquante was born into royalty in the 1720s in the Gold Coast (modern-day Ghana).

As a youth, he was captured by European slave traders, taken across the Atlantic, and sold into slavery to the Coe family in Newark, New Jersey. During the Revolutionary War, he was sent to serve in place of his enslaver. In 1784 Cudjo was emancipated for his military service; he went on to become the first African American businessperson in Newark and died in 1823.