



## THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Newark, NJ — [March 13, 2026]** — The Newark Public Library will host a special community celebration honoring *Stephen Crane*, the influential American novelist, poet, journalist, and Newark native whose innovative work has inspired readers for generations. Crane, born in Newark in 1871, left an indelible mark on American literature through his vivid storytelling, emotional depth, and groundbreaking style. “From the Red Badge of Courage” to his haunting poetry, his work continues to resonate with readers of all ages.

The Library will unveil a beautifully crafted commemorative plaque at its historic main branch, paying tribute to Crane’s remarkable literary legacy and his enduring connection to the city where his story began. The ceremony will bring together community members, local leaders, educators, and literature enthusiasts to reflect on Crane’s legacy and celebrate Newark’s rich cultural heritage. Brief remarks and the plaque unveiling will highlight Crane’s lasting impact on American storytelling.

#### ***Event Details***

**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location:** Newark Public Library – Main Branch  
5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ

The event is free and open to all, and the Library warmly encourages families, students, and anyone with a love of stories to join in this special moment.

#### **About the Newark Public Library**

Newark Public Library, home of the Philip Roth Personal Library, is located at 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ. Built in 1899, the Newark Public Library is one of New Jersey’s largest and most historic public library systems, serving the city of Newark through its Main Library and six branch locations. Newark Public Library offers a wide range of services, including literacy programs, digital learning resources, cultural exhibits, and community engagement initiatives. For more information about the Newark Public Library, its programs, and services, please visit [www.npl.org](http://www.npl.org).

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