FRESH START @ YOUR LIBRARY

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The **New Jersey State Library's** *Fresh Start @ Your Library* initiative is a statewide reentry program that offers GED prep, job training, one-on-one assessments with licensed social workers, and referrals to community resources and employment opportunities for citizens returning to their local communities upon completion of their prison term.

The program is offered in partnership with the New Jersey State Parole Board and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development. The participating libraries are located in Paterson, Newark, Long Branch, Trenton, Atlantic City and Cumberland County.

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

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

RECONNECTING RETURNING CITIZENS WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The New Jersey State Library is proud to partner with the New Jersey Parole Board and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development to offer a re-entry program at select NJ public libraries. Returning citizens can access the following services at participating libraries:

- **Community resource fairs** featuring various social service organizations, local nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.
- **On-site social workers** who will perform assessments and provide referrals to employment opportunities, occupational skills training, and other classes offered at the participating libraries.
- **GED prep** programs and training software will be available for those preparing to take the exam. Qualifying applicants can take the GED exam without charge.

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