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### NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOLD SHAPING LIVES 2018: LINKS TO HOMELESSNESS SERVICES EVENT AT MAIN LIBRARY



Newark, NJ— The Newark Public Library will be hosting its “*Shaping Lives 2018: Links to Homelessness Services*” event on **Wednesday, October 10th, from 10AM-2PM at The Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.**

More than 25 providers of health, nutrition, shelter, and other services will be present at the *Shaping Lives* event. In addition, attendees will be offered free haircuts, manicures, clothing, toiletries, snacks, and other useful items and services. As part of the event, Audible will be distributing free lunches.

As Newark is emerging from a recession, it continues to harbor increasing numbers of people who are homeless: on the streets and railroad tracks, in public parks and buildings, in abandoned buildings and empty lots. Many have jobs but do not earn enough money to pay rent. Winter hardships are approaching, which makes providing these essential services to the people of Newark even more crucial.

The *Shaping Lives* event will inform homeless persons of services available to provide them access to food, showers, laundry, mental health services, pediatric care, prison discharge services, drug abuse counseling, health screenings, transportation, immigration and naturalization guidance, shelter, and more. Newark Public Library Director, Jeffrey Trzeciak, stated: “Last year’s *Shaping Lives* event was a great success. We’re very excited to be hosting our second homelessness event in partnership with the City of Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness, Bridges Outreach, and Audible. We hope to reach even more people this year, to ensure they are connected to the essential services these agencies can offer them.”

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