



Make A Donation Today

## January 2025 Newsletter

Hello,

The name Gateway Community Action Partnership reflects our expanded coverage area, but more importantly, it signifies what we are all about. We are a gateway to success for individuals and families in our community and we achieve those results through actions done in partnership within that very community we serve. So please take a minute to read our newsletter and learn more about Gateway Community Action Partnership and our impact in our communities.

### Agency Mission And CAP Promise

The agency's mission is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

**CAP Promise:** Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

---

## Gateway Nearing 500th Affordable Home In 2025

---



Since its inception, Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) has been involved in numerous construction, rehabilitation, and renovation projects to revitalize the Cumberland, Salem, and Gloucester County regions. Since 1992, beginning with Luciano Avenue, these projects represent millions of dollars in investment and have created employment opportunities for hundreds of residents, both during and after the projects' completion. Gateway CAP thanks our collaborative, financial, and governmental partners for contributing to our housing development programs.

Click the link to learn more. <https://www.gatewaycap.org/housing>



---

## Ed Bethea Returns As The Board Chair For HCDNNJ Board of Directors in 2025

---



**Edward Bethea, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP), was re-elected as the Board Chair for the Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ) for 2025. Gateway CAP extends its congratulations to Bethea on his election to a second term as Board Chair.**

---

**Partner Of The Month Spotlight**

---



**Our Partner of the Month for January 2025 is TD Charitable Foundation  
We thank TD Charitable Foundation for all its generous contributions to  
Gateway CAP.**

Gateway Community Action Partnership (CAP) is grateful for the generous support from the TD Charitable Foundation. Their commitment to corporate social responsibility is commendable and sets a strong example for other organizations. Philanthropic efforts like these are essential for improving society, and their support will significantly enhance our initiatives. We extend our sincere gratitude for their exceptional assistance and extraordinary kindness.

---

**Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan Team Hosts  
Breakfast With Santa**

---

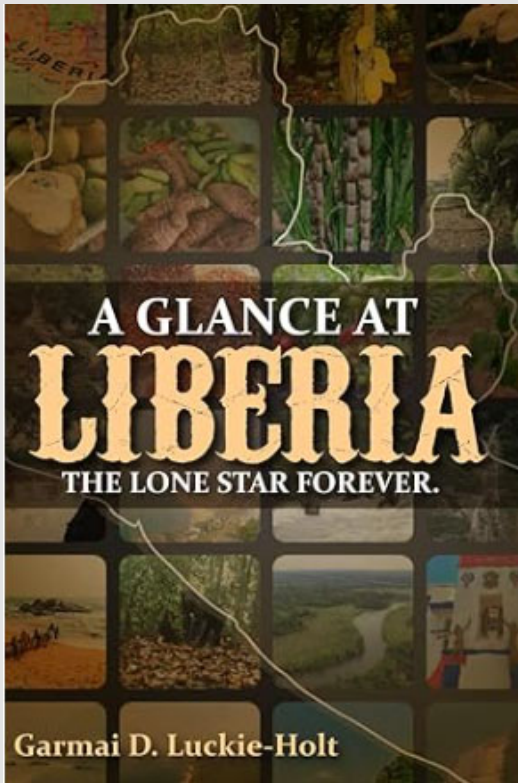


**The Paulsboro PRIDE Neighborhood Plan team (PPNP) partnered with Rootie's Bistro to host Breakfast with Santa for local children. PPNP sincerely thanks Marla Roots and her family for collaborating with us to make this event a success for the community's kids. The team loved interacting with the children and families in attendance and witnessing so many happy smiles. The event featured breakfast, photos with Santa, toys, crafts, coats, and giveaways—all provided free of charge to the children. Thank you to everyone who attended!**

---

## **Gateway Employee Writes An Amazing Children's Book**

---



Gateway CAP's Head Start/Early Head Start program proudly congratulates Garmai Luckie-Holt (EHS Coach) on publishing her children's book "A Glance at Liberia: The Lone Star Forever." This book offers valuable insights that benefit the entire family and serve multiple purposes on both national and international levels.



It provides a clear picture of Liberia without the need for travel. The book is an enjoyable and easy read for everyone, including children with special needs. It features captivating, child-friendly illustrations that promote enjoyment and stimulate learning. The book is available on Amazon.

---

## Join Our Foster Grandparent Program

---

Our Foster Grandparent Program offers the comfort and love that help set a child on a path to a successful future.



Gateway CAP's Foster Grandparent Program supports students in achieving higher academic success, provides care for premature infants and children with disabilities, and connects role models with young people with exceptional needs. We offer tangible benefits to our volunteers, including a modest stipend for eligible participants to help offset volunteer-related expenses. Additional benefits include training and insurance. For more information on how to apply today call: 609-487-4569.

## Lead Education Event At Hamilton 1 Head Start







Gateway's Hamilton 1 Head Start hosted a "Lead Education 101" presentation for parents during their monthly meeting on January 8. Guest speakers included Mathew Manthey, the Environmental Specialist and Lead-Based Paint Inspector-Risk Assessor-Program Coordinator from the Central NJ Lead & Healthy Homes Coalition of the Monmouth County Health Department, and Georgeanne Taylor, the Nurse Case Manager for the Lead Program (top right photo). They educated parents about sources of lead exposure, how to keep children safe from lead in their environment, and the negative effects high lead levels have on children's physical and cognitive development. The Hamilton Health Department also attended the presentation, providing information and answering questions about lead services available within the township.

---

## Atlantic City Free Energy Assistance Event

---



atlantic city  
electric<sup>SM</sup>

AN EXELON COMPANY



## Join Atlantic City Electric for a Free Energy Assistance Event!

Atlantic City Electric wants to help you stay warm and keep the lights on this winter. On National Energy Assistance Day, we're inviting you to a special event to learn about programs that can help you save energy and money in the new year.

**DATE:**

Friday, January 31

**TIME:**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**LOCATION:**

Atlantic City Electric  
Payment Center  
1080 N. 2nd St.  
Millville, NJ 08332

Atlantic City Electric representatives will be available to offer payment arrangements and help you enroll in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

We'll also provide information about our no-cost energy efficiency programs, including Home Weatherization and the Quick Home Energy Check-up, which can help you reduce your electric bills.

**We look forward to seeing you at the event!**

**Join Atlantic City Electric for National Energy Assistance Day on Friday, January 31, at the Atlantic City Electric Payment Center, located at 1080 N. 2nd St. (Delsea Drive) in Millville, NJ 08332.**

**Gateway will collaborate with Atlantic City Electric representatives to assist participants in enrolling in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). They will also provide information about additional programs, such as Home Weatherization and the Quick Home Energy Check-up.**

---

## No-Essay Scholarship Available Through Sallie

---



### Attention All High School Seniors!

Are you looking for a scholarship to help offset your college expenses? Sallie can help, it is the first education solutions company designed to assist students and their families financially with higher education. Sallie has a **\$2,000** [No-Essay Scholarship Sweepstakes](#) available every month!

If you are interested in possibly getting help by entering the sweepstake click the link above OR click on [Sallie Mae](#)

---

## A Useful Tool For High School Seniors - The College Application Checklist

---

# College Application Checklist

## JUNIOR YEAR

FALL	SPRING
<input type="checkbox"/> Standardized Test Prep - SAT Or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Take Standardized Tests <input type="checkbox"/> Start Identifying Target Schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Start Campus Tours <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Virtual College Events <input type="checkbox"/> Create A List Of Awards And Honors

## SENIOR YEAR

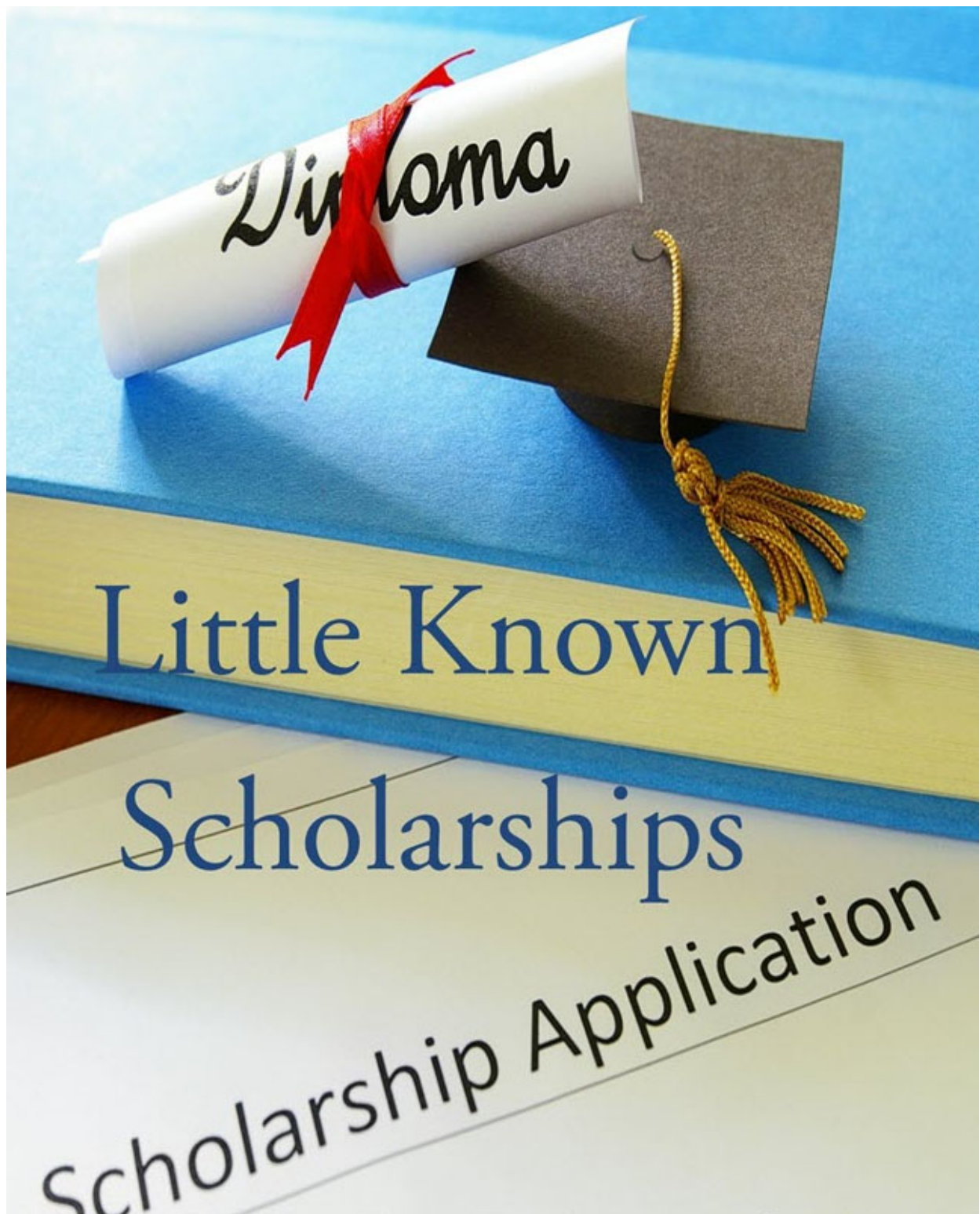
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan Final Campus Visits <input type="checkbox"/> Create A Calendar Of Deadlines	<input type="checkbox"/> Common App Opens <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Take Tests If Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Meet Counselor To Ensure Requirements Are Met <input type="checkbox"/> Request Teacher Recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Night At School <input type="checkbox"/> Decide Any Early Decision Or Early Action Apps
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA Opens* <input type="checkbox"/> Apply ED Or EA <input type="checkbox"/> CSS Profile Opens	<input type="checkbox"/> Prep Regular Applications <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up Social Media Accounts <input type="checkbox"/> Research And Apply For Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Update Award And Honor List	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Application Status <input type="checkbox"/> Follow Up On Recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Test Scores <input type="checkbox"/> Submit Transcripts
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply For Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Review Any ED Or EA Decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Follow Up On Application Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply For Scholarships	<input type="checkbox"/> Review Admission Offers <input type="checkbox"/> Compare Financial Aid Award <input type="checkbox"/> Check State Grant Portal
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<input type="checkbox"/> Commit To One School <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Grad Announcements	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure College Acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Send Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Send Final Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Finalize Loans <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Dorm Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Create Move-In Plans

While there are always adults—such as parents, teachers, school counselors, and the dean—who can assist students with the college application process, most students prefer to take charge of this journey themselves. After all, they are the primary stakeholders in their college decisions. Here's a College Application Checklist from "The College Investor" to guide them through the process. This [college application checklist](#) helps you apply to colleges with less stress and greater effectiveness.

---

## Some Other College Scholarships Available

---



How to Score Little-Known College Scholarships by Thena Franssen offers ways to find free money for college and reduce the cost of tuition with smaller scholarships.

She suggests the following sites as ways to find free money for college, and strategies for applying for them: [FastWeb](#), [College Scholarships.org](#); [Scholarships.com](#), and others.

Click any of the links to be directed to the website.

Here is another site you can go to: NICHE- [Find college scholarships](#)

---

## Gateway Golf Classic Countdown

---

A promotional graphic for the Gateway Golf Classic. It features a background image of a golf course with a red barn. At the top left is a logo of a golf club head with a red heart and dots. To its right, the text "Gateway Golf Classic" is written in red, underlined. Below this, the text "Save the Date!" is written in large white letters. Underneath, it says "Join us in 2025 for the 11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic!" in white. The date "June 16, 2025" and location "At Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ" are also in white. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white: "For more info, contact ehilt@gatewaycap.org or call (856) 497-6652". On the right side, there are two logos: the Little Mill Country Club logo (a house and trees) and the Gateway Community Action Partnership logo (a red heart and the text "Gateway community Action PARTNERSHIP").

**Gateway Golf Classic**

**Save the Date!**

Join us in 2025 for the  
**11th Annual Gateway Golf Classic!**

June 16, 2025  
At Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ

For more info, contact [ehilt@gatewaycap.org](mailto:ehilt@gatewaycap.org) or call (856) 497-6652

**LITTLE MILL**  
COUNTRY CLUB

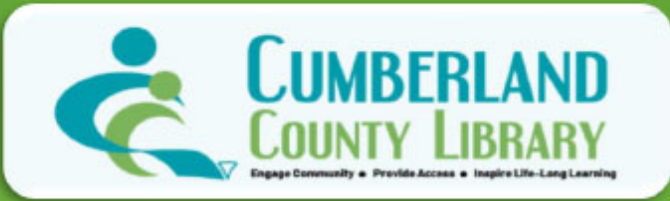
**Gateway**  
community  
**Action**  
PARTNERSHIP

Gateway's 11th Annual Golf Classic is 5 months away on June 16, 2025, at the Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ 19164  
For more information, contact [ehilt@gatewaycap.org](mailto:ehilt@gatewaycap.org) OR call (856) 497 -6652  
**Save The Date!**

---

## Free Advanced Care Planning Program

---



800 E. Commerce Street  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
(856) 453-2210  
press option x 26100  
[www.cclnj.org](http://www.cclnj.org)



# Presents

## Advanced Care Planning / Estate Planning

**Date:** January 31, 2025  
**Time:** 10am – 11am

**Location:** 800 E. Commerce Street  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**Contact:** (856) 453-2210  
Ext – 26104 or 26107

**Venue:** Library Meeting Room (Downstairs)

**Event Registration Required:**  
Call today to register and secure your spot!



Speak with an  
Elder Care Law  
representative to  
discuss and  
prepare for future  
decisions



Cumberland County Library • 800 E. Commerce Street, Bridgeton NJ 08302 • (856) 453-2210 x26100

The Cumberland County Library is partnering with the Southwest Council to host a program on Advanced Care Planning. This event is scheduled for January 31st from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the downstairs meeting room.  
To register: Contact Jolie at extension 26104 or Maria Omohundro at extension 26107.



---

## Welcome to Gateway CAP's New Hires!

---

**Domenyca Alaya - Sub Teacher Assistant**

**Haylee Bass - Sub Teacher Assistant**

**Jazmin Valentine - Administrative Assistant**

**Mohammed Abdullah - Sub Cook**

**Nargis - Akter - Sub Teacher Assistant**

**Nuria Laureti - Sub Teacher Assistant**

**Jahan Syeda - Breast Feeding Peer Counselor/Wic Clerk**

---



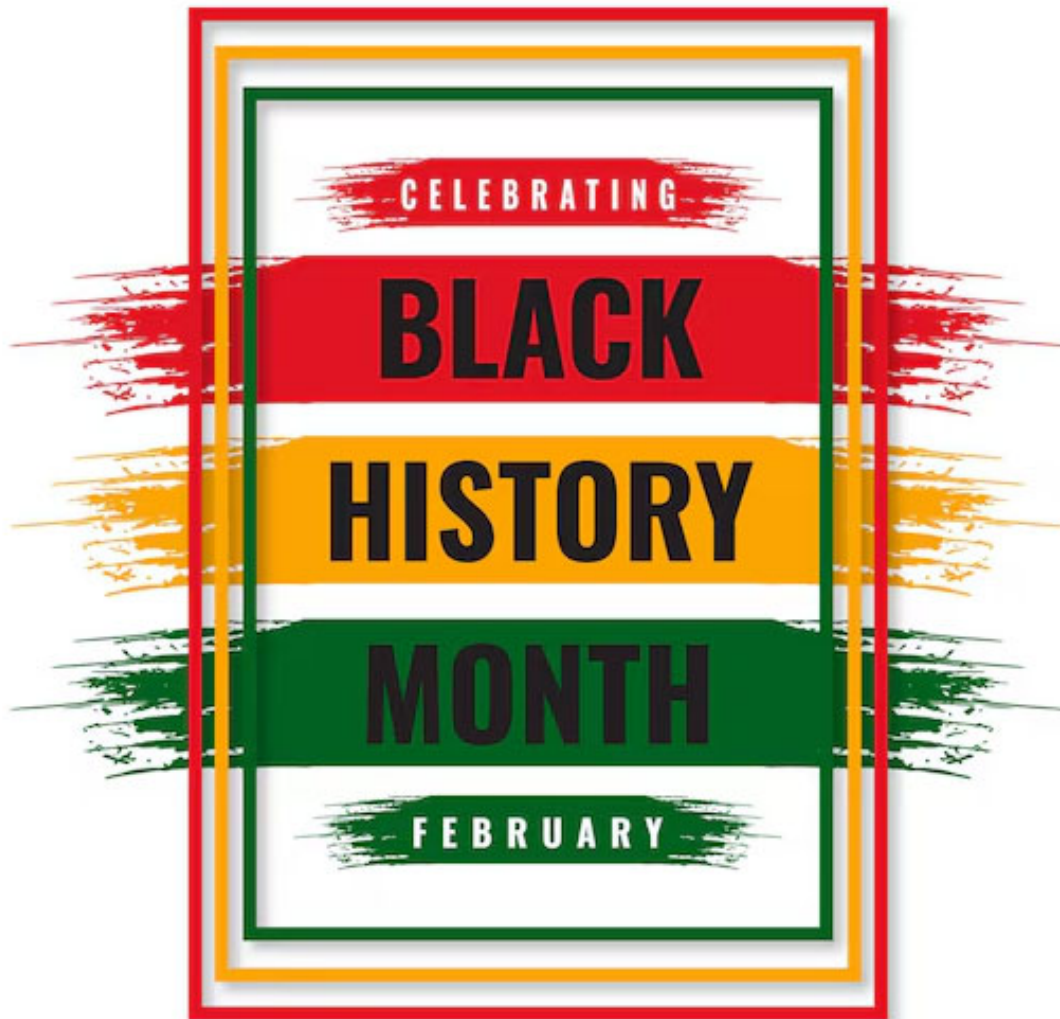


Let us WELCOME  
FEBRUARY &  
take EVERY chance  
to SHOW love  
to all WE meet.

---

**The Black History Month 2025 Theme  
“African Americans And Labor”**

---



Each February, Black History Month honors the achievements, contributions, and struggles of Black individuals throughout history. The theme for Black History Month 2025, "African Americans and Labor." This theme encompasses a wide range of experiences, from the agricultural labor performed by enslaved Africans in the past to the leadership roles held by today's Black professionals, including corporate executives and entrepreneurs.

---

**Free Computer Classes At The Cumberland County Library**

---

# February 2025

## FREE Computer Classes

Available to County & Non County residents

Cumberland County Library

800 E. Commerce Street

Bridgeton, NJ 08360

(856) 453-2210 x261000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lab & Class hours are subject to change without notice Registration required due to limited seating Walk-ins welcomed but registration is preferred				<b>One-on-one Training:</b> Please call to schedule an appointment (856) 453-2210 x26107		1
2	3 <b>Learn to Type</b> 10:00am-11:30am  <b>Computer Basics</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	4 <b>DOL Students Only</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	5 <b>Excel Basics—</b> <b>worksheets &amp; formulas</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm	6 <b>Outreach</b>	7 <b>Resources for Independent Living</b> <b>presents</b> <b>NJSave Information session</b> 10:00am	8
9	10 <b>Word – Tables</b> 10:00am-11:30am	11 <b>Computer Basics</b> 10:00am-11:30am	12 <b>Resume Help</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	13 <b>Outreach</b>	14 <b>G-mail</b> 2:00pm—3:30pm	15
16	17 <b>Library Closed</b> <b>President's Day</b>	18 <b>DOL Students Only</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	19 <b>Excel Charts</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm	20 <b>Outreach</b> 10– 12pm	21 <b>Word—Mail Merge</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	22
23	24 <b>File Management</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	25 <b>Staying Safe Online</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	26 <b>Google Drive</b> 2:00pm-3:30pm	27 <b>Outreach</b>	28	

Date	Class	Description
Feb 3, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Learn to Type	Learn to type with our Mavis Beacon Program, or just improve your skills.
Feb 3, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with user account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways to find them.
Feb 5, 2025 6:00pm-7:30pm	Excel 2019 Basics – Worksheets & formulas	Learn how to create and format spreadsheets, learn basic formulas, and how to add formulas to your spreadsheet.
Feb 7, 2025 10:00am	Resources for Independent Living presents NJSAVE information session	Join us for an information session on NJ Save and how it can help you.
Feb 10, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Word 2019—Tables	Tables are often used to organize and present information, but they have a variety of other uses as well. You can use tables to align numbers in columns, and then sort and perform calculations on them. You can also use tables to create interesting page layouts.
Feb 11, 2025 10:00am-11:30am	Computer Basics	Learn basic features: hardware, software, mouse, keyboard, Windows 11 desktop, taskbar, start menu, how to sign on/off with user account, using search features, file explorer. How to open a file, folder, and programs. How to save your files and different ways to find them.
Feb 12, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Resume Help	Need assistance updating your resume. Must bring in your work history information for this class or have a resume we can access to modify.
Feb 14, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	G-mail	Learn how to send, receive, attach documents, save to the cloud, delete items from cloud, spell check, add a signature, schedule a message, and format your email. Learn how to delete and block emails. Must have a G-mail account & password or call & make an appointment to create one before class.
Feb 19, 2025 6:00pm-7:30pm	Excel Charts	Learn how to create a spreadsheet and learn how to add different types of basic charts to your spreadsheet and how to move to a new sheet.
Feb 21, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Word 2019 — Mail Merge	Learn how to create a form letter and address labels to send to multiple contacts.
Feb 24, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	File Management	Learn how to organize and save files in the documents folder and on a flash drive, create folders and subfolders.
Feb 25, 2024 2:00pm-3:30pm	Staying Safe: Recognizing and Avoiding Scams	This class is designed to help you identify common scams and learn strategies to protect yourself from fraud. You'll discover red flags, tactics scammers use, and practical tips to stay safe online and in everyday life. Empower yourself with the knowledge to recognize and avoid scams confidently.
Feb 26, 2025 2:00pm-3:30pm	Google Drive	Learn easy ways to keep your Google Drive tidy and manage your storage effectively. Discover tips to organize your files and ensure you always find what you need without clutter.

**Looking to enhance your computer skills or pick up new ones? Cumberland County Library provides free computer classes every month.**

**These classes are available to residents of the county and non-residents alike.**

**For registration, call (856) 453-2210, extension 26100.**

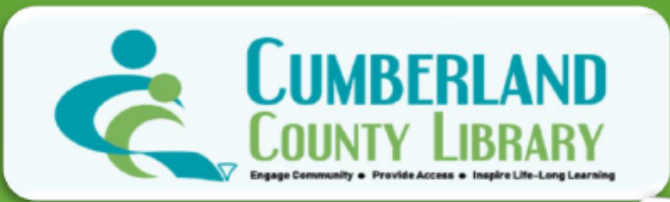
**OR**

**Email: [www.cclnj.org](http://www.cclnj.org)**

---

**Resources For Independent Living**

---



800 E. Commerce Street  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
(856) 453-2210  
press option x 26100  
[www.cclnj.org](http://www.cclnj.org)



**Date:** February 7, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00am-11:00am

**Location:** 800 E. Commerce Street  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
(856) 453-2210  
Ext. 26104 or 26107

**Venue:** Library Meeting room (downstairs)



**Event Registration Required:**  
Call today to register and secure your spot!

Resources for Independent Living, Inc. has teamed up with NJ to assist eligible people through the application and documentation process for NJSave.

Join us for an information session on NJ Save  
and how they can help you.

**Your One-Stop Application for Benefits and Savings in New Jersey**

**You May Qualify for Programs If:**

- ✓ You are a resident of the State of New Jersey
- ✓ You are age 65 or older
- ✓ You are between the ages of 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits
- ✓ You meet certain income requirements



**A Resources For Independent Living Event is scheduled for February 7 at the Cumberland County Library. It is geared toward assisting eligible people through the NJSave application and documentation process.**

**Registration is required: Call (856) 453-2210, Ext. 26104 OR 26107**

## Upcoming Notable Dates In February

---

**February is Black History Month**

**National Freedom Day - February 1**

**Groundhog Day - February 2**

**Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - February 12**

**Valentine's Day and Lincoln's Birthday - February 14 (Agency Closed in Observance)**

**Presidents Day - February 17 (Agency Closed in Observance)**

**George Washington's Birthday - February 22**

### Gateway Community Action Partnership

110 Cohansey Street  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
Phone: (856) 451-6330

Contact Us Today



Gateway Community Action Partnership | 110 Cohansey Street | Bridgeton, NJ 08302 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!