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PRESS RELEASE

Star Wars fans invade Ocean County Library

TOMS RIVER – Star Wars fans of all ages met Darth Vader, stormtroopers and a young Obi Wan Kenobi from the popular science fiction saga Saturday at the Ocean County Library’s Beachwood branch at the “Star Wars Day” program.

This was the first of two library events aimed at Star Wars fans featuring members of Vader’s 501st Legion, an Ocean County based Star Wars fan club. Members were dressed in highly detailed costumes from the film series. The group performs at conventions, libraries, and charities year round.

Children and their parents came dressed in colorful T-shirts and costumes to meet the 501st Legion. Other Star Wars characters included a cloaked Jawa who posed for photos with fans during the event.

Activities included galactic games and creating light sabers out of freezer pops and duct tape, so little Padawans could take the fun home.

If you missed your chance to explore the galaxy, don’t worry. This program will be repeated at the Ocean County Library’s Little Egg Harbor branch at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. The outdoor event will include crafts, games, alien face painting and a battlestar balloon game plus a return visit by the 501st Legion.

Admission for the Little Egg Harbor branch “Star Wars Day” program is free but registration is required. To register call 609-294-1197 or visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org. The Little Egg Harbor branch is located at 290 Mathistown Rd.

Photo caption:

Members of the Star Wars fan club of Vader’s 501st Legion wearing costumes from various Star Wars films stand in front of the Beachwood branch of the Ocean County Library during Saturday’s “Star Wars Day.” A second “Star Wars Day” will be held at 6 p.m., Aug. 20 at the Little Egg Harbor branch of the Ocean County Library.

