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PRESS RELEASE

What: Prof. Jo Ann Cavallo presents Italian immigrant needlework

When: 2 pm Tuesday Oct. 6

Where: Toms River branch, 101 Washington St.

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Discover Italian Heritage Needlework at TR library branch

TOMS RIVER - Ocean County Library will celebrate the Italian immigration era by paying homage to Italian women and their creative handcrafted items made for every-day use in the home as part of the library's Columbus Day festivities.

"Embroidered Stories: Interpreting Women's Domestic Needlework from the Italian Diaspora" will be presented by Jo Ann Cavallo, chair of Columbia University's Department of Italian.

Cavallo will present this delightful program at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6th at Ocean County Library's Toms River branch, 101 Washington St. People are encouraged to bring their own work to show during the program.

For Italian immigrants and their descendants, needlework represents a marker of identity, a cultural touchstone as powerful as pasta and Neapolitan music.

Out of the artifacts of their memory and imagination, Italian immigrants and their descendants used embroidering, sewing, knitting and crocheting to help define who they were and who they have become.

The program is free and open to the public but registration is required. To register, telephone the operator at 732-349-6200 or 609-971-0514, or go to the library website: www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on the "Events & News" icon, then click on "Calendar of Events."