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Prom Dress Giveaway at Multiple Ocean County Library Locations

TOMS RIVER –Four Ocean County Library branches will distribute gently used prom dresses to middle school and high school students at no charge during April.

The prom dresses were donated by local residents and can be worn for formal occasions.

According to Visa's 2013 annual prom survey the average couple in New Jersey spent an average of \$1,528.

“By the time you factor in the cost of the perfect dress and tuxedo, the limousine and pre- and post-dance activities, the prom can be very expensive,” said librarian Theresa Foster, who chairs the Prom Dress Giveaway Workgroup. “The gowns we offer are lovely, fashionable, and save the couple a significant amount of money.”

Students can try on different dresses at one of four distribution sites. There is a limit of one free dress per student.

Prom dress distributions will take place at the following branches:

Little Egg Harbor, 290 Mathistown Rd., 609-294-1197, 3 – 4:45 p.m. Monday April 4, and 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday April 5

Lakewood, 301 Lexington Ave., 732-363-1435, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Thursday April 7, 3 – 5 p.m., Friday April 8, and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday April 9

Barnegat, 112 Burr St., 609-698-3331, 4 – 8 p.m. both Tuesday April 19 and Wednesday April 20

Toms River, 101 Washington St., 732-349-6200, 4 – 8 p.m. both Wednesday April 27 and Thursday April 28.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration for this program is requested. To register online or find additional information about an event, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org or call your local library branch.

The library will continue to accept prom dresses until April 27. To donate a prom dress, simply drop it off at any of Ocean County Library's 21 branches.