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PRESS RELEASE

What: Children's Book Day festival

When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday May 2

Where: Pt. Pleasant Boro library branch

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Children's Book Day festival coming to Point Boro library

TOMS RIVER - In celebration of Children's Book Day, also known as "Dia!", Ocean County Library's Point Pleasant Borough branch, 834 Beaver Dam Road, will host its Storytelling Festival Saturday May 2. And you are invited to attend.

The branch will present five different programs throughout the day. They include:

11 a.m. – Youth Stages presentation of "Stone Soup" for children ages 3 to 9 and their families. In this French folktale the villagers are in a quandary: with barely enough to feed themselves how can they also feed a soldier? The children will assist the performer with making soup... from a stone! They will provide sound effects, physical movements, and lines of dialogue as they hide their supplies, then suggest foods to add to the soup.

Noon – Stories with Sparks, where children and their families can meet Sparks, the Ocean County Library mascot, and enjoy stories and a craft.

1 p.m. – Librarian and author Nan Marino will present "Writers Behaving Badly: The Unkind, Rude and Downright Awful Things That Writers Do To Their Book Characters in Order to Tell a Good Story" for ages 8 to adult. Marino, author of the award-winning books "Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle McGinty Told Me," and "Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace" (an NPR Best Book) will give the inside scoop on what writers do to their characters, and it's not always pretty.

2 p.m. – Ocean County Library will present "Those Darn Squirrels" puppet show for kids ages 3 to 5 and their families. Based upon two Adam Rubin books, Old man Fookwire doesn't love anything, but he does love the birds that visit his backyard. He tries putting out bird feed to keep them from leaving for the winter, but those darn squirrels keep stealing it. Old man Fookwire has had enough and it's game on. Create a craft following the show.

3 p.m. – Teens and Tweens will celebrate both Dia! and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with “Kamishibai, Storytelling in Pictures and Words.” This traditional Japanese form uses picture scrolls. Participants will be able to create their own stories.

The programs, presented by Ocean County Library’s Readers Services Committee, are free and open to the public but registration is required for each. To register telephone the branch 732-295-1555 or go to the library Web site www.theoceancountylibrary.org , click on the “Events & News” icon, then click on “Calendar of Events.”