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PRESS RELEASE

What: 3 Gangwise Project programs address gangs

When: Wed. 5/27 @ Plumsted

Mon. 6/1 @ Waretown

Tue. 6/2 @ Jackson

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Gangwise Project: protecting our youth

TOMS RIVER - Three branches of the Ocean County Library will present “The Gangwise Project: What our Community Needs to Know.”

Presented by Edwin Torres, a retired State law enforcement Lieutenant and juvenile gang expert, attendees will learn the general warning signs of gang affiliation. He will also discuss why kids join gangs and offer a brief history of modern gangs.

Torres will give advice for parents and teens to avoid gangs and report on local gang activity. He will also tell where parents can go for help if they know their child is involved with a gang.

The program will be held:

- Wednesday, May 27 at Plumsted, 119 Evergreen Rd., New Egypt, 609-758-7888
- Monday, June 1 at Waretown, 112 Main St., 609-693-5133
- Tuesday, June 2 at Jackson, 2 Jackson Dr., 732-928-4400

The program is suitable for teens, ages 12 and up, their parents, and other interested adults such as educators, clergy and people who work with youth.

The programs are free. Registration is required. Telephone the branch or go to the library's Web site www.theoceancountylibrary.org .

Sign-in for each program begins at 6 p.m. and the program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

