



STATE LIBRARIAN TOURS OCL BRANCHES

Mary Chute, New Jersey State Librarian, enjoyed a pleasant day at the Brick Township Branch of the Ocean County Library. Chute toured library branches affected by Superstorm Sandy with Library Director Susan Quinn this summer. Pictured (from left to right): Deborah Blackwell, Carolyn Belvin, Mary Chute, Susan Quinn, Eileen O'Connell, and Lori Sansone.

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Upper Shores branch reopens!

Community," said his instructions were, "Just get it done." "I didn't care what it took," he said, as the Upper Shores Library is vital to the community.

you have until something like Hurricane Sandy strikes," said Pat Tumulty, executive director of the New Jersey Library Association and its Rebuilding New Jersey's Libraries Fund. "There was an outpouring of love. People called and wanted to help," she said. "Then donations came in to NJLA from all over the country. They wanted to connect, to help."

He presented a proclamation from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders recognizing the library's accomplishments. "Thanks for getting it done so quickly," said Lavallette Mayor Walter G. LaCicero. "It's been nothing but a benefit to the community, bringing us together." "We are back," said Mary Ann McKee, President of the Friends of the Upper Shores Library, "and we are back as one mind for a strong Ocean County Library." "You don't realize how many friends



Shown at ribbon cutting are (from left to right): Upper Shores Branch Manager June Schneider (and bottom right), Library Director Susan Quinn, Library Commissioner Susan L. Hutler, Library Commissioner Ruthanne Scaturro, Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari, Library Commission Chair Bonnie R. Peterson, Lavallette Mayor Walter G. LaCicero, Library Commission Vice-Chair Sal Baglio, and Library Commissioner James F. Malone.

On Saturday, Sept. 7th, Ocean County Library celebrated the grand reopening of the Upper Shores Branch.

"Less than a year after Superstorm Sandy, all of our library branches are now open," said Library Director Susan Quinn as she welcomed people to the reopening. Director Quinn thanked everyone who assisted in the reopening of the branch, particularly Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari.

Freeholder Vicari, a strong supporter of the Ocean County Library and its mission of "Connecting People, Building

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Library Commissioners are Bonnie Peterson, Chair; Sal Baglio, Vice Chair; Henry Mancini; Ruthanne Scaturro; James Mullins; James Malone; and Susan Hutler.

FILM SCREENING
Coming December 18th, 7:00 pm

shore to rebuild

Join us for this story of rebuilding homes and hope. Presented by filmmaker Steve Lerner.

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OCL WELCOMES FOUR BRANCH MANAGERS The Ocean County Library welcomes four branch managers to their communities. (Pictured left to right) Amanda Spino will be the new branch manager at the Island Heights Branch, Christina Estlow is at the Berkeley Branch, Rachael Lavoie-Dohn is now at Plumsted, and Melissa Ernst is at Point Pleasant Boro. "Amanda, Rachael, Melissa and Christina are all excellent librarians and I look forward to their contributions to the community in their new roles," said Library Director Susan Quinn.



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SEASONAL & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Every season of the year presents unique challenges and potential emergencies. The keys to facing these issues are planning and preparedness. Are you informed? Do you have a plan? Have you built a kit? Learn how to do all of these things and more, including tips and guidance related to financial preparedness.

Manchester Branch
Monday, October 14, 2:00 pm



A short presentation followed by free and confidential five minute memory screenings will be conducted by health care professionals.

All programs on Tuesday, November 19
Berkeley Branch, 9 - 11:00 am

Stafford Branch, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Lacey Branch, 12 noon - 2:00 pm

Manchester Branch, 1 - 4:30 pm

Barnegat Branch, 3 - 5:00 pm

TESTICULAR CANCER

Testicular cancer is most prevalent in males between the ages of 15 and 40 years, but can affect males at any age. The Ocean County Health Department will present an informational program defining the risk factors, self-examination, signs and symptoms of the disease.

Brick Branch
Tuesday, October 29, 10:30 am

Barnegat Branch
Friday, November 1, 2:00 pm

Toms River Branch
Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm

SANDY RECOVERY EXPOS

To help connect the community with storm recovery-related agencies and organizations, the Ocean County Library is hosting two recovery resource expos this fall. Get information on a variety of topics including health, legal assistance, elevation information and insurance issues. Come to one location and learn about all the various assistance resources that are available.

Brick Branch
Thursday, November 7, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Little Egg Harbor Branch
Wednesday, November 13, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

Explore the causes, symptoms, and treatment of seasonal depression. Health coaches will be on hand to provide general health screening. Presented by The Center for Healthy Aging at Kimball Medical Center. Refreshments will be provided.

Island Heights Branch
Monday, December 2, 7:00 pm

Jackson Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 pm

Manchester Branch
Monday, December 9, 2:00 pm

Point Boro Branch
Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 7:00 pm

Toms River Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 pm

All events are free and open to the public. For more information or to register for any of the programs above, please call the library at (732) 349-6200 or visit us online at www.theoceancountylibrary.org



OCTOBER IS: DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH

America is a nation of more than 300 million people, united around many common values and yet differing from each other in unique ways. Race. Gender. Sexual orientation. Age. Religious ideals. Those differences contribute to the fabric of American life. Examining situations from different perspectives enables us to find creative solutions to the problems we all face. The Ocean County Library celebrates the richness of those differences during National Diversity Awareness Month this October. Programs will highlight how each of us can contribute to our American culture and make a difference in the world. Visit us online or pick up your copy of the October Monthly Activities Brochure available in all branches.

Ocean County Library partners with others to provide
Emotional Support to Sandy Victims

The Ocean County Library, in partnership with the Mental Health Association in New Jersey and the Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention, is helping county residents manage the emotional consequences of Superstorm Sandy and directing people to helpful resources.

OCL maintains Listening Stations in the ten branches that were hardest hit by the storm: Barnegat, Berkeley, Brick, Lacey, Little Egg Harbor, Long Beach Island, Point Pleasant Borough, Stafford, Toms River and Upper Shores in Lavallette. Listening Stations are staffed on a weekly schedule with NJ Hope and Healing counselors who are empathetic listeners, providing emotional support to Sandy survivors who participate in the free program. The counselors also distribute brochures with tips on coping with stress, and they can refer them to further help and resources.

NJ Hope and Healing is sponsored by the NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Disaster Terrorism Branch, through a FEMA grant in partnership with the Mental Health Association in New Jersey.

Lacey & Point Boro branches present:

New Jersey Wind Trio

The Point Pleasant Boro and Lacey Branches of the Ocean County Library are pleased to present a lecture and concert of classical music including Mozart, Beethoven, Rossini, Chopin, and Bimboni. The lecture explores how the music is shortened and re-arranged so the instruments are played in the proper range. The New Jersey Wind Trio also performs original music. Please join us for this special event.

NOVEMBER 18 - Lacey Branch
DECEMBER 16 - Pt Boro Branch
Both programs begin at 7:00 pm



TOMS RIVER BRANCH hosts

community mural project

The Ocean County Library Youth Services Department at the Toms River Branch hosted the creation of the Downtown Toms River Community Mural Project.

The first community mural project in Downtown Toms River's history was open to everyone in the area to help with the painting process. No experience was required and all ages were invited to participate.

The mural was done on a specially primed material that can withstand weather, pollution, and even graffiti. The permanent display is expected to last at least 35-40 years on an outside wall of Simply Skin, located at the corner of Water and Lien Streets.

The mural depicts the culture and history of Toms River and included suggestions from local residents.

The mural will be unveiled on October 19 at the Arts, Crafts, Music, and Harvest Festival in Downtown Toms River.



Oh, ya got to have FRIENDS!

Ocean County Library celebrates NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK

The Ocean County Library celebrates its Friends groups during National Friends of the Library Week on October 20th through October 26th.

The Friends groups are composed of adult volunteers who have taken on many tasks to support, preserve and strengthen their community

libraries. The Ocean County Library has 19 Friends groups.

Friends groups often advocate for their libraries by attending local events and speaking to people about what they do in the community. They also plan programs and events that directly benefit library branches.

Pictured above, Toms River Branch Manager Zarita Mattox (back row, center) is flanked by members of the active Toms River Friends group. The various Friends groups display creativity and enthusiasm in planning and coordinating their many fundraisers, such as the popular and successful FlowerFest held at the Toms River branch (below).



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