



CHECK IT OUT!

ANNUAL STAFF IN-SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED IN MANAHAWKIN DECEMBER 12, 2014

Linda Feaster (above), branch manager of the Long Beach Island branch, was awarded the Director's Award for Excellence for demonstrating her "consummate library professionalism" when she twice relocated her staff during renovations to the branch following Superstorm Sandy in 2013. She has also excelled in her work with the Friends of the Island Library.

Justine Dambroski (above), Senior Personnel Technician in the Human Relations Department, was presented with the "Support Person of the Year" award. The award recognized Justine's continuous efforts to assist OCL employees through the employee benefits process with healthcare and other providers.

Berkeley Branch manager Erin Deluca (above) was presented with the "Librarian of the Year" Award in January 2015. The award recognized Erin's many efforts at several branches and her dedication to managing many challenges and projects successfully including a prom dress drive and giveaway.

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YOUNG WRITER RECOGNIZED

(Left to right) Susan Quinn, Library Director, Ocean County Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari, Sparks and Solomon Hailemichael, Cream Ridge, at a presentation for eleven-year old Solomon as he received a commendation at the Toms River branch Wednesday, Feb. 18. Hailemichael, an honors student in the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, New Egypt, was recognized for writing his book, "Space Exploration for Kids."



As part of Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary, here is a photograph from the late 40s or early 50s which shows children enjoying books in an outreach program at Manitou Park Primary School.



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OCL Celebrates 90 Years!

The Ocean County library opened its doors to the public in the Lonan Building in 1925, a small cottage on the County Courthouse grounds. By the end of its first year it had a collection of 10,700 books along with its first bookmobile, a library body mounted on a Ford Model T chassis.

Since then, our library's growth and success has mirrored that of our county. It has thrived through each decade growing in the number of branches and borrowers. The library has continued to serve as a gateway of knowledge and support for our residents' desire for personal growth.

Please join us as we celebrate our 90th anniversary. After nine decades, there's a lot to celebrate both past and present. In keeping with this theme, we're paying tribute to a decade every month with programs and events through the anniversary year. In April, May and June we're celebrating the 1940s, 50s and 60s with many educational and fun programs.

National Library Week

April 12-18, 2015

Libraries are more than just a place that stores books. They are community centers that change lives. This April 12 - 18, the Ocean County Library celebrated National Library Week, a nation-wide celebration of libraries and their workers. This year's theme was "Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library."



Ocean County Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari (pictured center along with Susan Quinn, Library Director [right] and Zarita Mattox, Chief Librarian [left]) presents a proclamation from the freeholders honoring National Library Week to celebrate the Ocean County Library and its workers.

special system-wide reception for the volunteers of the library who have donated thousands of hours each year, doing everything from helping library staff to bringing library materials to homebound borrowers.

Every branch of the Ocean County Library held programs to celebrate National Library

Week. The Barnegat Branch held a Scrabble Board Game Tournament. The Upper Shores Branch sponsored a performance of "Stories With A Point" with actress Julie Pasqual. In addition, each branch held a raffle for a prize package and received a commemorative proclamation from the municipalities they serve.

Branches throughout the system held several events to celebrate National Library Week. The Friends of the Toms River Branch held a special luncheon to celebrate National Library Worker's Day to thank Ocean County Library staff for their dedication and the work they do in the community. The Toms River Branch also hosted a

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Spring 2015

...bursting with great programs!

N.J. CIVIL WAR GENERALS: THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY

An illustrated talk on New Jersey's Civil War generals is presented by historian and author Dr. David Martin, Vice President of the N.J. Civil War Heritage Association. The amazing careers and stories of about 20 of the state's best and worst officers are covered, along with sidelights on other notable leaders, nurses and soldiers of interest from our state. Sponsored by the Friends of the Stafford Library. **Stafford Branch** Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm

LET FREEDOM SING

Presented by Key Arts Productions Sing along and learn about the power of the songs that protesters sang on picket lines, in mass meetings, in police wagons, and in jail cells, as they fought for justice and equality. Historical film footage features a journey through the music of Marvin Gaye, Bob Dylan, The Staple Singers, Curtis Mayfield and others who provided a soundtrack for a revolution. **Barnegat Branch** Saturday, June 6, 2:00 pm **Upper Shores Branch** Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 pm

THE JERSEY FOUR

The Frankie Vallie Four Seasons tribute band performs at the library. Bring your own chairs. This is part of our 90th anniversary celebration of the 1960s decade and is funded by the Ocean County Library Foundation. **Long Beach Island Branch** Saturday, June 27, 7:00 pm **Manchester Branch** Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 pm

I'M AN ARTIST - DOCUMENTARY AND FILM DISCUSSION

I'm an Artist is a heartwarming documentary about young adults with physical, emotional and mental disabilities and a dedicated art teacher with unwavering enthusiasm that helps them create their own art work. Through her guidance, she helps them gain self-confidence and self-acceptance as they express themselves artistically. Note to educators: Ocean County Library is a Professional Development Provider registered with the NJ State Department of Education. Registration is required. **Toms River Branch** Monday, May 11 at 7:00 pm



RAVE-ON! THE MUSIC OF BUDDY HOLLY, Brick 5/7 & Lacey 5/13

SWINGING SATURDAY: THE HI-FIVES

In the 1950s, the Hi-Fives had Doo Wop hits like Dorothy, Lonely, Just a Shoulder to Cry On and even made an appearance on Dick Clark's American Bandstand show. They are back to relive the fun, the music and the memories. The library celebrates the decade of the 1950s in May as part of its 90th anniversary celebration. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Toms River Branch** Saturday, May 30, 12:00 pm

RAVE-ON! THE MUSIC OF BUDDY HOLLY

Come enjoy such Buddy Holly hits as That'll Be the Day, Peggy Sue and Not Fade Away as performed by Rave On! with Chris Roselle, Pete Farley and Don Guinta. **Brick Branch** Thursday, May 7, 7:30 pm **Lacey Branch** Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 pm

AN AFTERNOON @ THE OPERA with LOCAL ENTHUSIAST JULIANNE HENRY

This two-part program will increase your understanding of the classic art form and heighten your enjoyment of opera. Each presentation will include favorite arias, overtures and orchestral works and will highlight La Boheme (wk. 1) and La Traviata (wk. 2). Wake up your musical ear and revel in the glory of the human voice! **Upper Shores Branch** Thursdays, May 7, 14, 2:30 pm

JAPANESE WARRIOR DANCE

The Friends of Little Egg Harbor Library are hosting a Japanese Warrior Dance program by the Balam Dance Theatre. BALAM Dance Theatre presents Dancing Warriors at the Little Egg Harbor Branch. This eclectic program offers performances of martial arts and dance by the company's artistic director Carlos Fittante and principal dancer Toshinori Hamada in beautiful, traditional costumes. A special feature will be a demonstration of Iaido, a Japanese wooden sword technique with audience participation included. To be held in the meeting room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Library. Registration is required. **Little Egg Harbor Branch** Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 pm

GEORGE BURNS TONIGHT!

Spend an evening with George Burns as he reminisces about his childhood on the Lower East Side of New York City, his time in vaudeville, on radio and TV as well as the movies. Fran Docherty recreates the 84 year old George Burns who became a movie star, won an Academy Award and released a country and western album. Fran's wife, Majo partners with Fran as they perform a George and Gracie routine. This program is part of of Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary celebration. Sponsored in part with funding from the OCL Foundation. **Lacey Branch** Monday, May 11, 2015, 2:00 pm



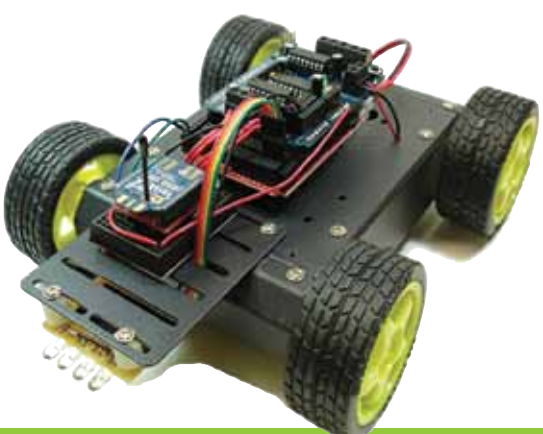
The Fabulous 50s!

This is a revue, performed by Linda Turash, all about this fabulous decade. Show includes songs, dances from the fifties, as well as fifties monologues and skits. The audience will meet Elvis, Lucy and Marilyn Monroe. Registration required. **Jackson Branch** Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm



NJ MAKERS DAY 2015

Hundreds of local techies and makers of all ages walked through Ocean County Library's branches during NJ Makers Day on March 21 and had hands-on experience with everything from 3D printers to DIY robots. NJ Makers Day, a statewide single-day event that celebrates, promotes and introduces maker culture and maker spaces as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) based learning. Toms River, Jackson, Island Heights and Tuckerton Branches joined other libraries and organizations in New Jersey to host these creative and constructive programs.



Plush Sparks Toy!

Coming Soon to a Branch Near You

Sparks, the long-time favorite mascot of the Ocean County Library will be available as your very own new plush toy doll. He looks just like the classic Sparks we know and love with his amazing yellow and magenta striped ears and wings along with his wide eyes. This cute collectible doll is expected to be available sometime this summer.



A Limited Edition of Sparks dolls will have a printed t-shirt celebrating the Ocean County Library's 90th Anniversary.

The Sparks plush doll is made available by the Ocean County Library Foundation, an organization committed to enhancing all library services, programs and facilities to foster an appreciation and awareness of the Ocean County Library in the community. The dolls will be available for a \$10 donation to the OCL Foundation with all proceeds helping to secure programs, facilities and funding for library renovation projects.

"We are thrilled that the Library Foundation is able to bring the Sparks plush doll to our communities—especially in the 90th Anniversary Year. Making Sparks available to take home, cuddle and love is a great extension of our Foundation Mission and another opportunity for the Foundation to support our library system's growing programs, services, and facilities!" said Mary Malagiere, Chair of the OCL Foundation.



WIRELESS PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE!

The Ocean County Library is embarking on a major project to bring wireless printing to all of our library branches. The MobilePrint Service enables customers to print within the library or remotely from smartphones, tablets and laptop computers and pick up their prints at the library.

This new capability is currently available at three branches, (Toms River, Berkeley and Lacey) with installation at the remaining branches being finalized over the next few months. Cost is 20 cents per page. Items must be picked up at the selected branch within 24 hours of the download before the file is erased. Future releases of MobilePrint Service will include a mobile app for iOS and Android devices making the process even easier.



All events are free and open to the public. For more information or to register for a program, please call 732-349-6200 or visit us at www.theoceancountylibrary.org

Spring is in the air at OCL! Stop in and see what's sprouting!



The Jersey Four, 6/27, 7/11

