

1925 -
2015



Ocean County Library is

Celebrating 90 brilliant years!

This year we celebrate the Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary, a historic milestone in our history. Since 1925, we've been at the heart of helping our community thrive through reading and learning.

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. Over the span of 90 years, 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!

Black History Programs

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME: DREAMS

Join us as we start the year with a Children's Department program on Martin Luther King, Jr.

Toms River Branch
Friday, January 16, 10:30 am

BERIBBONED TREAT CUPS

A unity cup is a symbol of unity use for celebration of Kwanzaa by African Americans. Join us in making this treat cup using different designs and fabrics for variety.

Point Pleasant Beach Branch
Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm

BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "JACKIE ROBINSON": BLACK BASEBALL in AMERICA and NEW JERSEY in the ERA of the COLOR LINE

Presented by Dr. Lawrence Hogan
The speaker takes an in-depth look at the rich relationships that comprised "Blackball" during America's era of segregation.

Jackson Branch
Wednesday, February 11th, 2:00pm

PAUL ROBESON: RENAISSANCE MAN
Actor/Educator Marvin Jefferson brings Paul Robeson to life through first-person historical characterization.

Upper Shores Branch
Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 pm

HARLEM GROOVES

It's the "Roaring Twenties" and Harlem, New York becomes the new center of black culture and artistic expression. Harlem Grooves celebrates the blossoming of African American culture, particularly in the creative arts. Sponsored by the Ocean County Library Foundation.

Lakewood Branch
Saturday, February 21, 2:00 pm
Manchester Branch
Saturday, February 28, 2:00 pm

Gardening Programs

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension Master Gardener team will answer your questions before and after these talks. Bring in your diseased or dying cuttings for diagnosis:

VEGETABLE SEED STARTING

Ocean County Master Gardener Berry Jones will provide expert tips on getting the most out of your vegetable garden.

Stafford Branch
Monday, February 23, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

LOVE THAT BUG: BENEFICIAL INSECTS

Ocean County Master Gardener Liz Moritz will talk about beneficial insects.

Stafford Branch
Monday, March 9, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

LANDSCAPING YOUR YARD

Ocean County Master Gardener Bruce Larson will explain all of the do's and don'ts about which plants work best and where.

Stafford Branch
Monday, March 23, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm



Author Judge Nelson Johnson

More Great Programs!

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE

Enjoy our meeting room full of Thomas & Friends. Sponsored by the Point Pleasant Beach Friends of the Library.

Monday, January 12 through
Friday, January 16, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

JACQUES COUSTEAU NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

Presentation about the estuary itself and the extensive variety of wildlife that live in this massive area which encompasses more than 110,000 acres.

Monday, January 26, 7:00 pm
Beachwood Branch

SOCIAL MEDIA/DIGITAL MARKETING FOR SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Social Media and digital marketing are challenges for small business owners to understand and leverage. Learn how to use online channels to increase customer engagement, satisfaction and revenue along with techniques for consumers and business owners to have a meaningful and beneficial relationship online.

Toms River Branch
Thursday, January 29, 6:30 pm

BOARDWALK EMPIRE AUTHOR JUDGE NELSON JOHNSON

Atlantic City historian and New Jersey Superior Court Judge Nelson Johnson will discuss his book, Boardwalk Empire: The Birth, High Times, and Corruption of Atlantic City. Johnson's book is the inspiration behind the Emmy award winning series Boardwalk Empire adapted by Terrence Winter and directed by Martin Scorsese and Timothy Van Patten. The book will be available for purchase.

Brick Branch
Saturday, February 7, 2:00 pm

BISHOP'S KID PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: KENNETH G. CRADDOX'S "BANG!" LIFE AFTER DEATH

In a time where we continuously work to secure a safe future for our children, Mr. Craddox tells a story of a young man, Maleek Grant, who faces choices, and how these choices can ultimately affect his young life and those around him. Mom, Grandma, siblings, and community leaders often try to extend his or herself to help, but in the end his life can only move forward if he chooses to help himself. Community leaders, law enforcement and parents say this presentation is a definite message and an eye-opener for our youth.

Jackson Branch
Saturday, February 21, 2:00 pm

THE EMERALD ISLE - IRELAND

Come where folks drink numerous cups of strong black tea throughout the day or night and nibble on scones or tea cakes. Judith Krall-Russo will perform.

Brick Branch
Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 pm

WHM EVENT: ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: THE EARLY YEARS

Rene Goodwin's passionate historical interpretation of Eleanor Roosevelt covers the first 55 years of her life. Known as the First Lady of the World, she embraced the cause of equality for people of all nations and managed to carve out a career and highly visible reputation. The performance covers Roosevelt's political climb and focuses on her life as a woman searching for her place in the world.

Upper Shores Branch
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

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

children's programs

at the Toms River Branch!

The Toms River Branch Children's Department will be joining the 90th anniversary celebration with programs that highlight some events from the 1920s in February 2015 and the 1930s in March 2015.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Our monthly pre-school level story time is geared towards children on the autism spectrum. A visual schedule will guide our story time, which will include stories, songs, movement, and sensory activities. If other story times have not been the right fit for your child, this might be just what you're looking for. Ages 3 - 6.

Thursday January 22, 6:30 pm, Thursday, February 26, 6:30 pm and Saturday, March 7, 2:30 pm

WINNIE-THE-POOH AND PIGLET, TOO!

In honor of the publication of A.A. Milne's Winnie the Pooh books in the 1920s. Ages 3 - 6.

Tuesday, February 10, 3:00 pm

JAZZ STORYTIME FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

The Age of Jazz in the 1920s will be celebrated. Ages 3 1/2 - 5.

Wednesday, February 11, 10:30 am

PICASSO PORTRAITS

Picasso's Cubism period of the 1920s will be highlighted. Ages 6 - 12.

Tuesday, Feb 17, 6:30 pm

TUTANKHAMUN'S CURSE

Let's not forget the amazing discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb and treasures. Ages 8 - 12.

Thursday, Feb 19, 6:30 pm

BRIDGES

Moving on to the 1930's in March 2015, the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937 will be highlighted. Ages 6 - 12.

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm

AMELIA IN THE AIR!

We will end the month of March which is also Women's History Month with a program about Amelia Earhart. Ages 3 1/2 - 5.

Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 am

The Stages Festival



New Jersey Theatre Alliance's "Stages Festival" presents a variety of programs at several Ocean County Library branches in March. The programs mark the 17th anniversary of the library's partnership with the Alliance. The Festival brings professional, Broadway-quality programs to communities throughout the month and Ocean County Library presents them to the public free of charge.

IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PANCAKE

Waretown Branch
Saturday, March 7, 11:00 am

RED RIDING HOOD

Manchester Branch
Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm

STONE SOUP AND OTHER STORIES

Barnegat Branch
Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm

NEW KID

Island Heights Branch *Performed off-site at the Island Heights Grade School
Monday, March 16, 6:30 pm

STONE SOUP AND OTHER STORIES

Lacey Branch
Saturday, March 21, 11:00 am

POCKET FULL OF RHYMES

Point Pleasant Borough Branch
Saturday, March 21, 11:00 am

RED RIDING HOOD

Point Pleasant Beach Branch
Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 pm

Grande Dames of the American Revolution: MARTHA WASHINGTON

Maggie Worsdale performs a historical interpretation of Martha Dandridge Custis Washington, the wife of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Although the title was not coined until after her death, Martha Washington is considered to be the first First Lady of The United States. During her lifetime she was known as "Lady Washington." The events are part of our 90th Anniversary program and Women's History Month program.

Point Pleasant Borough Branch
Saturday, March 7, 2:00 pm
Beachwood Branch
Monday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Brick Branch
Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm



Hindenburg History

The Hindenburg disaster took place on Thursday, May 6, 1937 at Naval Air Station Lakehurst. The program is part of the library's March theme of highlighting the 1930s as part of our 90th anniversary celebration this year. Carl Jablonski, President of the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society will speak at the event.

Barnegat Branch
Tuesday, March 3, 2:00 pm
Plumsted Branch
Monday, March 9, 3:30 pm
Berkeley Branch
Tuesday, March 10, 2:00 pm
Lacey Branch
Tuesday, March 24, 2:00 pm

What's the HOOPLA?

Beginning in early 2015, a much wider selection of digital books, music and movies will be available through our library website, thanks to Hoopla, a free streaming media service. You'll be able to borrow a great variety of items and download them from your own mobile device.

The best part about Hoopla is that there's no waiting time for titles; this collection is available anytime a customer wants to access it, 24/7 on demand.

Hoopla makes things even easier as a free streaming media service for Ocean County Library cardholders to access thousands of music albums, television shows, movies and audiobooks from their own computers, smart phones or tablets.

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