



◀ (Left to right) Pham Condello of Teen Services, Tuckerton Branch Manager and OCL Librarian of the Year Toni Smirniw, Assistant Director Valerie Bell, OCL Director Susan Quinn, Sue Marshall, president of the Tuckerton Library Association, and Barnegat Branch Manager Gigi Hayes.

CHECK IT OUT!

TUCKERTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOSTS OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Members of the Tuckerton Library Association opened the doors of the historic Tuckerton Branch of the Ocean County Library for the group's annual open house on April 24.

The event celebrated the many programs and services provided by the branch creating further public awareness.

Beverly Thomes, curator of the Toy and Miniature Museum in Delaware, shared stories of her passion and knowledge of dolls, toys and dollhouses. This was an interest that she shared with her mother who helped operate her doll and toy museum.

The museum operated from 1994 to 2007,

Thomes said. She recalled a special invitation to bring some of her dollhouses to Tokyo thanks to an invitation from the Tokyo Gas and Electric company who was hosting a special program about homes of different time periods and cultures.

In addition to dolls and dollhouses, the museum had a collection of more than 700 miniature vases and 20 miniature replicas of Noah's Ark with 300 hand carved wooden animals.

The Library Association which drew a large turnout of their membership coordinated the night's program.

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



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New chairman named for Ocean County Library Commission

The Ocean County Library Commission chose Commissioner Salvatore J. Baglio to serve as its 2014 Chairperson.

Baglio first joined the library commission in May 2011.

"It is a privilege to serve as Chairman, considering that the library has been such a big influence in my life – from my first visits in Toms River through my adult life," he said. "I hope that I can share that experience as the library continues its tradition of connecting everyone in Ocean County. The next evolution may be digital, but it is still about the connections among our family, friends, and neighbors," Baglio said.

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objectives in our recent Strategic Plan 2013-2017, continue to maintain our 21 first-class libraries and collections, and accelerate the digital library experience for our patrons," he said.

Baglio is a lifelong Ocean County resident. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, Toms River, and Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. He resides in Manahawkin.

He is currently a program manager for MTG Services Inc., Lakehurst and has a background in naval aviation and information technology management.

Other library commissioners include Bonnie R. Peterson, who serves as vice chairperson, Susan L. Hutler, Henry J. Mancini, James T. Mullins and Ruthanne Scaturro.

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—Salvatore Baglio, Chairperson
 Ocean County Library Commission

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Young Artists Art Month 2014

The Teen Services Team of the Toms River Branch hosted the Toms River Regional School System's annual Student Art Work Show in March.

Both levels of the branch were filled with two and three dimensional works of art from all 18 schools in the district.

Youth Art Month started nationwide about 50 years ago and the library has been displaying the Toms River Regional Schools art work for more than 10 years.





celebrating women of character, courage & commitment



Commissioner Christine Gaetano delivered the keynote address at the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women's annual program and reception.



Ocean County Library's Toms River Branch played host to the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women's annual program honoring National Women's History Month.

Freeholder James F. Lacey delivered a proclamation from the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, recognizing the contributions of women to Barbara Florimont, the commission chairwoman.

He also addressed the dozens of Girl Scouts who attended the program, encouraging them to contribute to the betterment of the community.

Commissioner and keynote speaker Christina Gaetano reviewed the work of four 20th-century women humanitarians, including educator Katherine Ryan Gibbs, Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, pharmacologist and public health advocate Frances Oldham Kelsey, and civil rights activist Rosa Parks.

Gaetano identified three characteristics these women held in common that helped them in their efforts: courage to confront the opposition; character to do the right thing, and commitment to follow through on one's ideals.

The March 4 program also featured a reception for young artists who participated in a county-wide youth art competition. Eighteen schools and 561 students participated in three age groups.

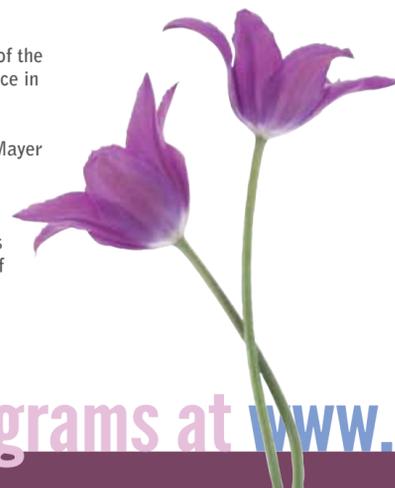
"It is so important for these young people. It gives them a chance to be inspired by great women of the past. Remember, these young people are our world of tomorrow," she said.

The event was sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women, The Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore, and the Ocean County Library.

Photos top to bottom:
Five of the more than 11,000 girls in the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore formed a color guard and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Join us at the Toms River Branch as author Lo Anne Mayer discusses her book *Celestial Conversations*.

Ocean County Freeholder James F. Lacey presents a proclamation from the Board of Chosen Freeholders to Ocean County Advisory Commission of the Status of Women Chairwoman Barbara Florimont.



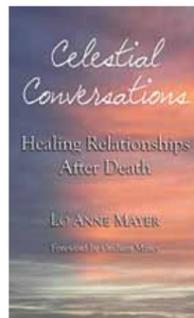
Calendar of Events

Enjoy these upcoming programs at your favorite branch!

ENJOY A CELESTIAL CONVERSATION Toms River Branch

Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Author Lo Anne Mayer will inspire you with a discussion about her book *Celestial Conversations*, which she wrote after the deaths of her mother and daughter. She shares her story and technique to overcome loss and find healing after a loved one dies. A book signing will follow her presentation.



THE TUCKERTON BEACON DIGITAL ARCHIVE HAS ARRIVED AT OCL Toms River Branch

Friday, June 20, 3 p.m.

The Tuckerton Beacon was one of the oldest weekly newspapers in Ocean County. Most of its archives have now been digitized by Ocean County Library through a partnership with the Great John Mathis Foundation/Bass River Historical Society and Gannett Company Inc. In honor of the completion of this important project, a special celebration has been planned to thank those responsible and to familiarize the public on how to access the archives.

AN EVENING CELEBRATING FRANK SINATRA Point Pleasant Boro Branch

Wednesday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

Manchester Branch
Monday, July 21 at 7 p.m.
The sounds of the legendary Frank Sinatra come alive through the talent of Dave DeLuca who will perform some Sinatra favorites. DeLuca won a starring role in the Count Basie Theatre's 5th Annual Sinatra Birthday Bash, beating out hundreds of other hopeful performers.

CELEBRATE LGBT MONTH WITH THE NEW JERSEY GAY MEN'S CHORUS Upper Shores Branch

Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m.

Steven A. Russell, director of the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus, presents a concert of Broadway, traditional, and original songs. Join us for this special event.

Dresses to impress: Prom Gown Giveaway!

Staff members of Ocean County Library's 21 branches collected more than 800 fancy dresses through a Teen Services Department program. The dresses were distributed to teenage girls preparing for spring formals, junior and senior proms and graduations.

OCL began collecting new and gently used dresses of varied lengths, colors and styles five years ago. The dresses were at first distributed at the Lakewood Branch but the program quickly expanded to include Jackson, Barnegat and Toms River according to Teen Services Coordinator Pham Condello.

Condello said the collection also included accessories such as shoes, bags, wraps, gloves and jewelry.

"It is such a great feeling to see a girl try on a dress she loves. They are so happy when they come out of the dressing room knowing they can take the dress home," Condello added.



Several OCL branches converted their building space into a prom dress display area.



OCL Celebrates National Library Week

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is an observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.

"During National Library Week we recognize that public libraries truly are the heart of the community. At the Ocean County Library we believe there is the opportunity to connect people, build community and transform lives through exceptional library experiences," said Ocean County Library Director Susan Quinn.

"From the technological advances to the welcoming atmosphere at each of the branches, the library allows everyone to tap into one of our most important life tools – the power of information," added Ocean County Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari.

(Pictured above) Ocean County Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari presents a proclamation to Ocean County Library Director Susan Quinn for NLW.

OCL & Lakewood BlueClaws team up!



There is bound to be some fun and laughs when Lakewood BlueClaws mascot Buster or Ocean County Library's mascot Sparks are around but when the two come together, look out.

The two characters first teamed up in March at the Brick Branch of the Ocean County Library. Greg Giombarrese, the media and public relations manager of the Lakewood BlueClaws, warmed up the family crowd in the library's meeting room with facts about the BlueClaws and special event games set for this year's season of the Minor League baseball team.

"This is our 14th season and we have a large number of fans. We'll be hitting another milestone with six million fans in August," Giombarrese said.

The duo's second pairing was during an OCL visit to a BlueClaws game held on April 14. Sparks got the chance to visit Buster at his home and took part in a special pre-game parade at First Energy Park in Lakewood. The event also involved OCL's partnership with the Head Start program.

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