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PRESS RELEASE

WHAT: A Different Normal: Transgender 101

WHEN: Wednesday, May 27, 2015; 6:00-8:30pm

WHERE: Toms River Library, 101 Washington Street

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Panel discussion explores what it means to be transgender

TOMS RIVER – “A Different Normal: Transgender 101” panel discussion will be held at Ocean County Library’s Toms River branch, 101 Washington St., 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

Panelists Karina M. Davis and Seth Rainess will share their personal insights and experiences on what it means to be transgender and what the journey of transitioning is like for individuals and their families. An audience Q&A period will follow the presentation.

Davis is the mother of three children and her oldest is a transman. Karina has been married for three years to her husband Evan, who is also a transman.

Davis has a BA in English and is certified in K-5 and Special Education. She has been a member of Jersey Shore PFLAG’s speakers bureau for more than five years.

Rainess is a motivational speaker, author of “Real Talk for Teens: A Jump Start Guide to Gender Transitioning and Beyond,” Jersey Shore PFLAG facilitator and also a transman. He holds a MS in Psychology and Rehab Counseling and has conducted seminars for transgender youth and school assemblies and workshops on transgender diversity in high schools and universities.

This program is sponsored in partnership with the Ocean County Human Relations Commission. The program is free and open to the public. For information or to register, please call 732-349-6200 or visit the library’s webpage at www.theoceancountylibrary.org