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Ocean County Library to screen the original "Amityville Horror"

TOMS RIVER – In celebration of the Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary, the Toms River branch will screen the original 1979 horror film "The Amityville Horror" which was filmed in areas of the township.

Township historian Mark Mutter will have artifacts from the film on display and community members involved in the filming will be on hand to discuss their experiences. Mutter's presentation starts at 6 p.m. and the film will be shown at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 in the library's Bishop Building next to the Toms River branch at 101 Washington St.

The interior of the Bishop Building appears in the film as "The Amityville Historic Library.'' The film stars James Brolin and Margot Kidder.

The film was based on the best-selling book of the same name by author Jay Anson, published in September 1977. The 1979 film spawned several sequels between 1979 and 2013. A remake was produced in 2005.

The story is based on the alleged supernatural experiences of the Lutz family who buy a new home on 112 Ocean Ave. in Amityville, NY, a house where a mass murder had been committed the year before. After the family moved into their new house, they claimed a series of frightening paranormal events occurred.

The film's on-location scenes were filmed at a house in Toms River, which had been converted to look like the Amityville home after authorities denied permission for filming on the actual location.

Exterior scenes were also filmed in Toms River and Point Pleasant Beach. Local police and first aid squad members played extras in the film, while the Toms River Volunteer Fire Company was used to provide the rain during several scenes.