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PRESS RELEASE

What: ESL classes at two OCL locations

When & Where: Upper Shores, Jan. 4

Lakewood, Jan. 9

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OCL to offer 2 English as a Second Language classes

TOMS RIVER - The Ocean County Library will offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at two locations beginning in early January. The classes and materials are free to participants.

The Lakewood library branch, 301 Lexington Ave., will hold ESL classes 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Those classes will begin Jan. 9, 2016 and end in May.

The Upper Shores branch will hold ESL classes at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 100 Grant Ave., Seaside Heights 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Those classes will begin Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 and run until mid-March. Participants should attend classes both week days until mid-March.

To register, participants should show up in person the first day of class. They will be asked about their English skills and then will be placed in a class. Teachers can teach participants with no English skills in the beginner classes.

Classes will be limited to about 30 students each.

“The teachers are amazing,” said Supervising Librarian Cathi Sheridan. “In the classes they are dealing with people from various backgrounds and different proficiencies in English, people who are dedicated to improving their lives.”

Sheridan administers the library’s ESL classes.

Advanced level classes will be planned for the future.

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