

Ocean County Library Annual Report 2015

Message from the Director



2015 will be remembered by Ocean County Library customers and staff as a year of fun and history, as we celebrated our library's 90th anniversary. Banners proclaiming our "90 Brilliant Years" of service to the community could be seen at every library branch throughout the county, while the interior of our buildings showcased our past through displays and photographs.

We kicked off our 90th year in January with *A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey*, a special fundraising event sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library. This memorable event featured author Jessica Fellowes, the niece of *Downton Abbey* creator Julian Fellowes, who has written several books about the series. She greeted over 300 attendees throughout the afternoon.

Ocean County Library gave back to our community in our 90th anniversary year through our *Food for Fines* program in partnership with the Ocean County Health Department collecting 5.4 tons of food for the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties which provided 9,000 meals to residents in need.

Our anniversary culminated with a spectacular gala sponsored by the Ocean County Library Foundation featuring the theme of the novel *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, published in 1925, the same year that the Ocean County Library was founded. The Toms River branch's Mancini Hall was transformed into Jay Gatsby's mansion for the event. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support library programs and services.

2015 was a wonderful year for Ocean County Library, as we celebrated our 90th anniversary of excellence in library services to our community. We couldn't have done it without the support of our staff, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Ocean County Library Commission, the Ocean County Library Foundation, the Friends of the Ocean County Library, and most of all our Ocean County residents. Together, we will continue to carry out our mission of connecting people, building community, and transforming lives.

Susan Quinn, Library Director

Foundation 2015

The Ocean County Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization established in 2001, to enhance the services and opportunities offered to all Ocean County Library users. The Foundation undertakes a variety of fund-raising and grant-writing activities, using our skills at raising both private and public funds to provide support for library programs and services not covered by tax dollars or budget.



New graphics for the Ocean County Library delivery trucks were provided by the Ocean County Library Foundation.



The Ocean County Library Foundation sponsored The Great Gatsby Gala celebrating our 90th anniversary.

Friends

The Friends of the Ocean County Library are groups working to preserve, support, and strengthen the Ocean County Library. Friends connect the community to the library, and support reading, literacy, and lifelong learning for every resident. Throughout the years, Friends groups supported the branches through fundraising, sponsoring special programs and being advocates in the community attending town council meetings, festivals and community events.



All chapters of the Ocean County Friends sponsored the *Downton Abbey* program that brought Jessica Fellowes, author of the three companion books to *Downton Abbey*, as part of the 90th anniversary celebrations.



The Friend's annual Mah Jongg fundraising tournament.



The Friends of the Island Heights Branch held a Victorian Tea Fundraiser on Saturday, January 3, 2015 in support of the *Downton Abbey* Friends event.

2015 Library Programs, Events, and Services



The NAACP Black History Month Celebration on Saturday, February 28, 2015 featured delicious soul food prepared by the members of the Toms River NAACP, step dancing by the N'Step troupe of Toms River High School North, and music by bluesman Norman Taylor sponsored by the Toms River Friends of the Library.



The sounds of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons while the Jersey Four took the stage at the Manchester Branch.



Dr. Daisy Century of the American Historical Theatre presented civil rights advocate Madame C.J. Walker at the Island Heights Branch.



Bronze medalist Paralympian and New Jersey native, Cheryl Leitner, shared her experiences as a Special Olympian.



A little rain doesn't bother the Ocean County Library Homebound & Volunteer Services staff. They loaded a van in preparation for their outreach to five life care centers in Whiting.



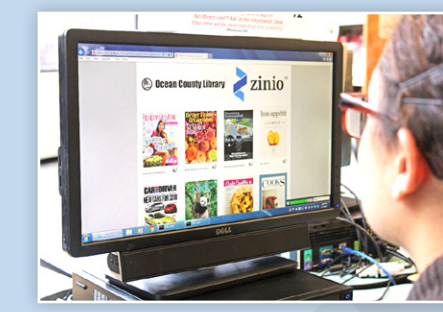
Kids read to therapy dogs at the Plumsted Branch.



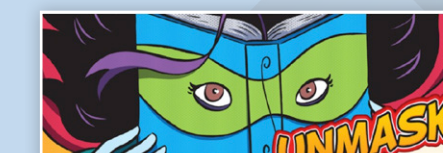
Many costumed characters visited the 1st annual *FanNation: The Geekstravaganza*.



Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated at the Berkeley Branch with Latin band Grupo Warachando.



Zinio brings digital magazines to our cardholders.



In 2015, Ocean County Library Teen Summer Reading had more than a 50% increase in the amount of books read from 2014.



Our Upper Shores Branch celebrated its 20th anniversary.



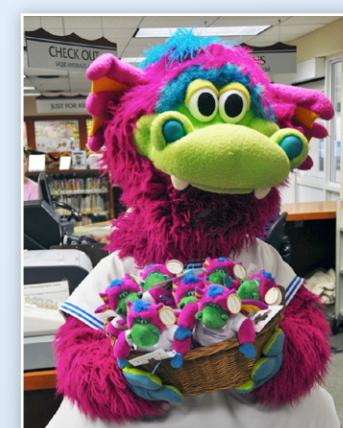
Teen volunteers decorate the Barneget Branch for the summer Service and Achievement in the Library program (SAIL).



The Toms River Branch welcomed new carpeting to the whole branch.



Ocean County Library Commissioner Susan Hutter speaks at the Toms River 90th anniversary branch party.



Sparks shows off our fundraising Sparks' dolls provided by the Ocean County Library Foundation.



Tools for Teens and Adults is a series of free preventative programs that promotes healthy options and supports positive healthy development among our Ocean County teens.



In partnership with the New Jersey State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center, all Ocean County Library branches became deposit libraries allowing all staff to provide services to Ocean County residents.



Weird Al Yankovic shared a special birthday announcement to celebrate the Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary.



Our Berkeley Branch manager Erin Delucia helps celebrate the Ocean County Library's 90th anniversary.



Our Brick Branch celebrated its 50th anniversary.



The interior of the Little Egg Harbor branch was refurbished with new carpeting, bookshelves, furniture, and technology.



Miss Ocean County 2015, Kyra Sealey, visited the Toms River Branch for the annual Prom Dress Drive.



Food for Fines campaign in partnership with the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) to benefit the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties with (Left to Right): Freeholder Liaison Joseph H. Vicari, Library Director Susan Quinn, Freeholder Gerry P. Little, and OCHD Public Health Coordinator Daniel E. Regency.



90th anniversary flags proudly sailed at each of the 21 locations.



Our Jackson Branch celebrated the 1970s as part of our 90th anniversary.



Our teens enjoyed being part of NJ Makers Day.

Ocean County Library Commission

The governing body for the Ocean County Library is the seven-member Ocean County Library Commission. The Ocean County Library Commissioners are unpaid volunteers, appointed for a 5-year term. The Ocean County Library Commission is responsible for the oversight of library funds, property, and equipment, and determining of policies and rules governing library services in promotion of the libraries interest.

2015 Ocean County Library Commission*

- Sal Baglio, *Chairperson*
 Bonnie R. Peterson, *Vice Chairperson*
 Christopher J. Mullins
 Heather Richards-Barone
 Henry J. Mancini
 Ruthanne Scaturro, *Ocean County Library Foundation Liaison*
 Susan L. Hutler



James T. Mullins served the Ocean County Community for over 34 years as an Ocean County Library Commissioner. Pictured (Left to Right): Elaine H. McConnell, Ocean County Library Director from 1984 to 2009, James T. Mullins, and Susan Quinn, Ocean County Library Director from 2009 to present.

Ocean County Library Administration*

- Susan Quinn, *Library Director*
 Sara Siegler, *Assistant Library Director*
 Jennifer Doderer, *Personnel Director*
 Jeri Gunther, *Chief Librarian, Administration*
 Zarita Mattox-Wright, Ph.D., *Chief Librarian, Toms River*
 Rita Oakes, *Chief Librarian, Branch Services*
 Jennifer Woodman, *Budget Officer*
 Joseph Cahill, *Maintenance Supervisor*
 Barry DePaul, *Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*
 Michael Erickson, *Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*
 David Evans, *Technology Manager*
 Deborah Blackwell, *Training Coordinator*



Sal Baglio, *Ocean County Library Commission Chairperson*



Joseph H. Vicari, *Ocean County Library Freeholder Liaison*

Ocean County Library Freeholder Liaison

Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari has served as a member of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders since 1981 and has served since 2004.

*as of December 31, 2015

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis For the year ended December 31, 2015 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2014)

2015 Financials

	General (Unreserved) Fund	General (Reserved) Fund	2015 Total	2014 Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues:				
Per capita aid	-	251,616	251,616	242,137
Dedicated tax	34,357,582	-	34,357,582	33,841,022
Fines and fees	489,193	-	489,193	524,503
Added assessment tax	262,193	-	262,193	215,668
Intergovernmental agreements	12,766	-	12,766	27,933
Copier fees	42,160	-	42,160	44,664
Automation	-	20,025	20,025	26,498
Grant revenue	-	50,409	50,409	107,312
Donations	-	2,363,455	2,363,455	2,212,032
Appropriation reserves	-	234,210	234,210	572,926
Miscellaneous	184,105	745	184,850	145,772
Total revenues	\$35,347,999	\$2,920,460	\$38,268,459	\$37,960,467
Expenditures:				
Salaries	16,765,542	-	16,765,542	16,894,062
Fringe benefits	8,680,949	544,057	9,225,006	8,751,935
Automation	-	154,928	154,928	-
Materials	3,209,381	495,547	3,704,928	4,344,521
Programs and public relations	143,033	46,822	189,855	231,823
Professional expenses and seminars	28,867	19,210	48,077	73,186
Professional services	149,555	27,126	176,681	204,457
Administrative services	93,215	3,231	96,446	79,394
Equipment	87,064	27,610	114,674	131,525
Supplies	281,003	10,482	291,485	282,069
Maintenance - buildings and grounds	835,184	56,749	891,933	955,579
Maintenance - equipment and vehicles	140,597	5,117	145,714	134,789
Utilities	919,161	198,055	1,117,216	1,022,206
Technology	1,289,171	395,283	1,684,454	1,591,401
Building improvement fund	-	630,671	630,671	114,109
Brick expansion	-	2,625	2,625	268,064
Transfer to appropriation reserves	2,363,455	-	2,363,455	2,212,032
Total expenditures	\$34,986,177	\$2,617,513	\$37,603,690	\$37,291,152
Excess revenues over expenditures	361,822	302,947	664,769	669,315
Fund balance, January 1	6,445,588	5,623,463	12,069,051	11,399,736
Transfers to unreserved funds	729,943	(729,943)	-	-
Transfers to reserved funds	(50,000)	50,000	-	-
Fund balance, December 31	\$7,487,353	\$5,246,467	\$12,733,820	\$12,069,051

Grants

American Library Association YALSA Grant	\$3,996
Association for Library Service to Children, a division of ALA	\$7,500
Google Plus Maker Camp	\$1,400
National Endowment for the Humanities and ALA	\$3,000
Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission	\$1,680
OceanFirst for ESL Grant	\$25,000
New Jersey Council for the Humanities	\$8,000

Donations

Anthony J. Horan	JD's Hair Salon
Bergen Book, Inc.	Jo Anne Ward
Colonel Alan R. Smith, U.S.M.C.	Joel Perlmutter
Downs Ford Dealership	Judith Chambers
Friends of the Barnegat Library	Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island
Friends of the Beachwood Branch	Lacey Recreation Department
Friends of the Berkeley Library	Lorraine F. Henry
Friends of the Brick Library	Magnolia Gardens Assisted Living and Green Acres Manor Nursing Home
Friends of the Island Library	Manchester Friends of the Library
Friends of the Lacey Library	Mirage at Barnegat
Friends of the Lakewood Branch	Ocean Cares Foundation
Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch	Ocean County Library Foundation
Friends of the Manchester Branch	Ocean Mental Health Services
Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River	Patricia L. Merk
Friends of the Plumsted Library	Point Pleasant Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch	Renzulli Charitable Trust
Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch	Rotary of Toms River
Friends of the Stafford Library	Silbert Family
Friends of the Upper Shores Branch	Stafford Lions Club
Friends of the Waretown Library	The Grunin Foundation
Gale and Richard Yetman	Tom Seiz
Hecht Family Foundation	Trustees of the Library
Italian Cultural Society of LBI	Tuckerton Library Association
Jackson Friends of the Library	Women's Club of Brick Township/EMD
Jacque and Alan Olan	
James Stokes family	

Circulation

Barnegat	166,683
Bay Head	6,258
Beachwood	35,270
Berkeley	169,782
Brick	551,093
Island Heights	50,645
Jackson	366,618
Lacey	180,039
Lakewood	562,451
Little Egg Harbor	164,697
Long Beach Island	88,179
Manchester	386,762
Plumsted	58,867
Pt. Pleasant Beach	52,180
Pt. Pleasant Boro	184,211
Stafford	201,633
Toms River	624,746
Tuckerton	36,678
Upper Shores	66,772
Waretown	43,792
Whiting	92,654
System Circulation	4,090,010



Community Partners

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation	Central Regional Middle School	Improvement District Corporation	Meridian Health	Ocean County Health Department	Relations Commission
ALA Schneider Family Award Committee	Central Regional Schools	Islamic Center of Ocean County	MOMS Club of New Egypt New Jersey	Ocean County Historical Society	Rosenauer Elementary School
Alzheimer Foundation of America	CHADD	Island Beach State Park	Monmouth and Ocean County Girl Scouts	Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center	Saint Peter's School
Ambassador Christian Academy	Christian Academy	Island Heights Elementary School	Monmouth Medical Center	Ocean County Parks and Recreation	Saker ShopRite
Amergael of Long Beach Island	ComicsPRO	Italian Cultural Society of LBI	Municipal Alliance Committee	Ocean County SCORE	School of American Ballet
American Library Association	Community Options	Jackson Kiwanis Club	NAACP	Ocean County Sheriff's Office	Seacrest Adult Day Care
American Red Cross	Cooper Environmental Center	Jackson Police Department	NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness)	Ocean County Society of Model Railroaders	Seedling Street Preschool
ARC of Ocean County	Cub Scout Pack 44	Jackson Premium Outlets	National Endowment for the Arts	Ocean County Soil Conservation District	Silverwoods Assisted Living
Association for the Advancement of Retired People	Daisy Troop 402	Jackson School District	Nature Center at Jakes Branch	Ocean County Superintendent of Schools	Simon's Soup Kitchen
Barnegat Police Department	Department of Community Affairs	Jackson Senior Center	New Egypt Helping Hands Pantry	Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools	Skillender Wealth Management Group
Barnegat Recreation Center	Diamond Comic Distributors	Jersey Shore GLSEN	New Egypt School District	Ocean County Women's Commission	Small Business Administration
Barnegat School District	Dockside Café	Jersey Shore PFLAG	New Egypt Township	Ocean County Youth Services Commission	Southern Ocean Preschool
Bayview Park	Donovan Catholic High School	Jewish Community Center of Long Beach	New Jersey Aquarium for Aquatic Science	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Southern Regional School District
Beachwood Elementary School	Downtown Toms River Business	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	New Jersey Council for the Humanities	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	St. Anthony Claret Church
Beachwood Fire Department	Driven Bolts	Kean University	New Jersey Department of Children and Families	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	St. Barnabas Health Center
Berkeley Child Care	Easterseals	Key Arts Productions	New Jersey Department of Community Affairs	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	St. Francis Community Center
Berkeley Elementary Schools	Education Association	Lacey Recreation Department	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Stafford Lions Club
Berkeley Recreation	Entenmann's Bakery	Lacey Rotary Club	New Jersey State Library	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Starbucks
Berkeley Township	Faith Lutheran Church / OC Hunger Relief	Lacey Schools	New Jersey Theatre Alliance	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Starfleet- USS Challenger
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Family Place Libraries	Lakewood School District	NJEA Priority Schools	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Talking Book and Braille Center
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ocean County	Family Resource Network	Lanoka Harbor Elementary School	Ocean Affiliate of the National Association for the Education of the Young Child	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	The College of New Jersey
Bizyhood Inc.	Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties	Laurelton Art Society	Ocean Committee Military Support Committee	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	The Grunin Foundation
Breakwater Beach	Forked River Elementary School	Lavallette Business Association	Ocean County 4-H Seeing Eye Club	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	The Lehmann School
Brick School District	Four Seasons at South Knolls	LibraryLinkNJ	Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	The Toms River Area NAACP
Burlington County Library	Franklin Institute	Lifetime Assistance for Developmental and Challenging Individual Needs	Ocean County Business Development and Tourism Department	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Toms River Business Improvement District
Cattus Island County Park	G. Harold Antrim Elementary School	Little Egg Harbor School District	Ocean County Chapter of NAMI	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Toms River Regional School District
Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge	Grounds for Sculpture	Long Beach Island Health Department	Ocean County Clerk	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Tuckerton Food Pantry
Cell Phones for Soldiers	Headstart	Long Beach Island Kiwanis Club	Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Tuckerton Library Association
Centenary College Theatre Group	Health Builders Wellness Center	Lucasfilm Ltd.	Ocean County DEP/FEMA	Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Tuckerton Seaport
Center for Healthy Aging	Hilltop Nursery School	March of Dimes		Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	United States Marines' Toys for Tots
Central Jersey Registrar's Association	Hip Hop Fundamentals	Memorial Middle School		Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Wells Chapel AME Church
Central Regional High School	Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ	Mental Health Awareness Committee of Ocean County		Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Whiting Elementary School
	Horizons Speakers Bureau			Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Whiting Station Retirement Community
	Hugh J. Boyd Elementary School			Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Women's Club of Brick Township
				Ocean County's ARC Employment Center	Young Adult Library Association