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Long Beach Island branch set to reopen Monday, April 28

TOMS RIVER –The Long Beach Island branch of the Ocean County Library will reopen on April 28, following the replacement of the building's roof and completion of repair work to its interior ceiling.

The branch located at 217 S. Central Ave., Surf City closed on Feb. 10, after an inspection by library facilities staff and the County Architect revealed damage to a section of the interior ceiling due to a roof leak.

Ocean County Library Director Susan Quinn said the roof replacement and interior ceiling repair work was completed last week. Some minor siding work will be performed this week that will not obstruct use of the facility nor present any inconvenience to staff or visitors of the branch.

"We would like to thank our residents for their patience as our library staff worked to repair the building and we are delighted to be back and serving our residents on Long Beach Island," said Quinn.

Long Beach Island Branch Manager Linda Feaster said, "People don't realize all that is involved in closing and reopening a branch. I commend all our staff at the Ocean County Library for the work that has been done to reopen our building."

"We are looking forward to being back and providing our services and programs to the public," Feaster said.

Feaster announced that a 25th anniversary celebration of the branch's building will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on May 7. The Long Beach Island Branch has the distinction of being the very first branch of the Ocean County Library system which will note its 90th anniversary next year.

The celebration, which is being sponsored by the Friends of the Island Beach Island Branch of the Ocean County Library, will include musical entertainment, speakers and refreshments. For information call 609-494-2480.