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Library puppets will perform Crankenstein stories at 13 branches

TOMS RIVER - The Ocean County Library Puppet Show Players will combine two Crankenstein books into one hilarious children's show to be performed at thirteen library branches during January and February.

Each morning he wakes up an ordinary boy, but when he's faced with a rainy day or an early bedtime, he transforms into a mumbling, grumbling Crankenstein. To top it off, he receives the most lovey-dovey, yuckiest Valentine ever.

Crankenstein may just find a way to turn his sour day sweet because even the crankiest monsters have a heart.

Children and their parents can enjoy the show at the following locations: Stafford, 129 N. Main St., Manahawkin, 609-597-3381, 3:30 p.m. Mon. Jan. 11 Brick, 301 Chambers Bridge Rd., 732-477-4513, 10 a.m. Wed. Jan. 13 Toms River, 101 Washington St., 732-349-6200, 10:30 a.m. Mon. Jan. 18 Island Heights, 121 Central Ave., 732-270-6266, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Jan. 20 Beachwood, 126 Beachwood Blvd., 732-244-4573, 10:30 a.m. Fri. Jan. 22 Tuckerton, 380 Bay Ave., 609-296-1470, 10:30 a.m. Tue. Jan. 26 Barnegat, 112 Burr St., 609-698-3331, 1 p.m. Thur. Jan 28 Berkeley, 30 Station Rd., 732-269-2144, 10:30 a.m. Fri. Jan. 29 Plumsted, 119 Evergreen Rd., New Egypt, 609-758-7888, 3:45 p.m. Mon. Feb. 8 Pt. Pleasant Borough, 834 Beaver Dam Rd., 732-295-1555, 11 a.m. Tue. Feb. 9 Little Egg Harbor, 290 Mathistown Rd., 609-294-1197, 10:30 a.m. Wed. Feb. 17 Waretown, 112 Main St., 609-693-5133, 3 p.m. Thur. Feb. 18 Pt. Pleasant Beach, 710 McLean Ave., 732-892-4575, 10:30 Mon. Feb. 22.

The Crankenstein story was developed from two books by Samantha Berger, "Crankenstein" and "A Crankenstein Valentine." Both were illustrated by Dan Santat.

Berger is a former editor at Scholastic Books and Vice President of Animation Extra Content at Nickelodeon. She has written more than 70 books.

Santat is a New York Times bestselling illustrator and a winner of the Silver Medal from the Society of Illustrators.

The programs are free and open to the public but registration is required. To register call the branch or go to the library website: www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on the "Events & News" icon, then click on "Calendar of Events."