

# Ocean County Library Annual Report 2016

## Message from the Director



Many new exciting library services were launched in 2016 by the Ocean County Library through advances in technology and digital materials. Ocean County Library's Chat/Text Reference Service, connected library users in real-time to an Ocean County Library librarian through their smartphone, tablet, laptop, or other personal computer device. Ocean County Library supported Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education with the opening of two new MakerSpaces named *Sparks's Lab* at the Toms River and Jackson branches. Sparks's Labs provide access to 3D printers, robotics, crafting machinery, and much more. Six portable MakerSpaces called *Make Me* kits traveled to all of our library branches to spark creativity in children and teens between the ages of 6 to 14 thanks to a \$7,500 Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) made possible through a generous donation from the Walt Disney Company. The *Make Me* kits are also used by our librarians serving children and teens to provide outreach programs throughout Ocean County.

New digital library services were introduced in 2016. Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV. Brainfuse provides live online homework help, writing assistance, and more from Brainfuse's tutors. Students and tutors meet in the Brainfuse Online Classroom. Tutors guide students through homework challenges and help them develop the necessary skills to complete assignments on their own. Brainfuse's ESL offering includes live tutoring for ESL students. Brainfuse also offers a comprehensive library of proprietary practice tests such as the SAT, ACT, GED, GRE, ASVAB, TOEFL and much more. Their Adult Learning Center provides foundational, career-enhancing skills to job seekers, including resume assistance.

Through the Ocean County Library's partnership with The New Jersey State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center (TBBC) and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NJCBVI), and the Library Equal Access Program (LEAP), the library expanded library services for Ocean County residents with vision impairments.

Ocean County Library received important grants in 2016, including a \$50,000 New Jersey Libraries Career Connections grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and a \$25,000 grant from the OceanFirst Foundation through the Ocean County Library Foundation, which funded English as a Second Language classes at several library branches.

Our library customers enjoyed special author events including the James J. Mancini Memorial Author Program which featured New York Times bestselling author Adriana Trigiani, and former Rutgers defensive lineman Eric LeGrand, who visited the library to share his inspiring story of finding purpose in pain and facing setbacks with strength through his book *Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand*.

The Ocean County Library is a truly multicultural institution and we are inclusive and understanding of the communities we serve and committed to promoting library services for everyone. Our goal is to have a positive and lasting effect on every individual who uses the Ocean County Library.

Susan Quinn, Library Director

## Foundation 2016

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.



The Ocean County Library Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 multi-year grant for its English as a Second Language Project from the OceanFirst Foundation.



Ocean County Library Foundation celebrated the visual arts during a Professional Art Show and Sale at the Brick Branch. We honor the memory of local artist and author Francis J. McGinley, pictured above, a longtime supporter of the Ocean County Library.

## 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.



The Jackson Friends of the Library donated a beautiful sundial in the branch's courtyard in memory of longtime Friends member and President, Judith Friend.



Adriana Trigiani author visit and book signing.



The Friends of the Plumsted Library took over the local elementary school gym for their annual summer book sale.

## 2016 Library Programs, Events, and Services



The James J. Mancini Memorial Author Program featured New York Times Bestselling author and director of *Big Stone Gap*, Adriana Trigiani.



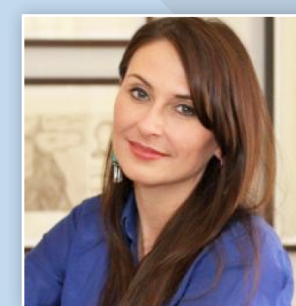
Author Jamie Novak visited multiple branches to share her book *Keep This, Toss That*.



The Mental Health Board of Ocean County & The Mental Health Awareness Committee of Ocean County hosts an awards ceremony in our Mancini Hall to honor community members.



Ocean County Library celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Student Film Festival.



The library's Cultural Awareness Team hosted the program *LaDonna Harris: Indian 101*, featuring film maker Juliana Brannum.



Every year library volunteers contribute enough service hours to be honored by the White House.



Little Egg Harbor Branch Manager Kelly-Ann Pennell, left, joins Ocean County Library Director Susan Quinn, right, in accepting a proclamation from Freeholder Liaison Joseph H. Vicari honoring the branch on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Freeholder Liaison Joseph H. Vicari stopped by the Toms River Branch to show his support for National Library Card Sign-Up Month.



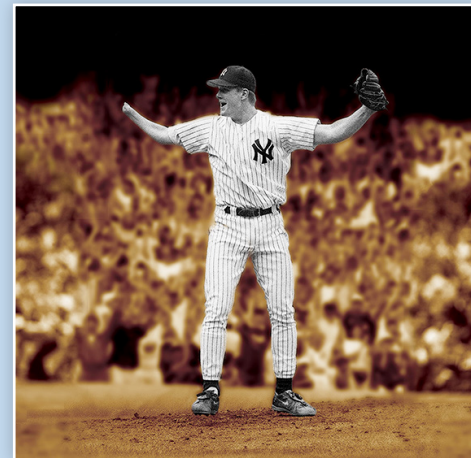
Rene Goodwin as she portrays Golda Meir during a program at the Upper Shores Branch.



Ocean County Library partnered with the Ocean County Health Department to present *Chalk it Up*, promoting a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free life.



Our branches celebrate Youth Art Month with local artists' work in galleries and displays.



The Surviving Adults with Special Challenges Work Group hosted Major League baseball pitcher Jim Abbott live via Skype for an interactive discussion of his New York Times Bestselling book, *Imperfect: An Improbable Life*.



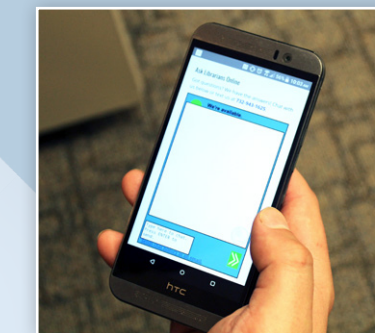
Hoopla allowed customers to instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks, and more, 24/7 with their library card.



Grand opening of the Toms River Sparks's Lab. These new spaces support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), creativity and imagination, and include access to 3D printers, single board microcontrollers, robotics, and crafting machinery.



Blue Claws' mascot Buster and Sparks meet at the annual Blue Claws Storytelling Festival.



Chat/Text Reference Service connected library users in real-time to an Ocean County Library reference librarian.



Adults from Tuckerton Arc participated in the second session of Jim Abbott mini-series program at the Little Egg Harbor Branch by decorating their own baseball caps.



The Lacey Branch celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an *Alice in Wonderland* theme.



Former Rutgers defensive lineman Eric LeGrand, who suffered a severe spinal cord injury and was left paralyzed by a crushing on-field tackle during a Rutgers football game with Army, visited the library to share his inspiring story through his book *Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand*.



YouthStages provides creative drama and theatre tours for children's theatre productions.



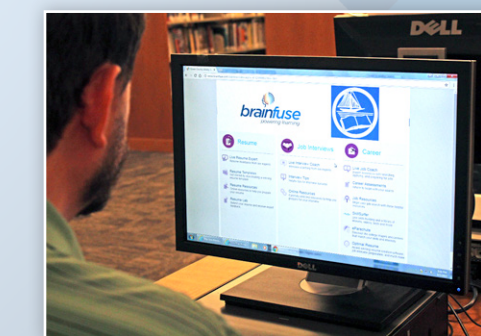
Ellen Hopkins, the New York Times bestselling novelist, appeared at the library through the *Tools for Teens* Youth Services Commission grant. Hopkins also spent the afternoon at the Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center speaking to incarcerated teens.



Evening of Kirtan with SirOm at our Lacey Branch.



Kids at our Point Pleasant Beach Branch tested out our *Make Me Act Out* kit that was part of our Curiosity Creates Grant.



Providing free, live homework or resume help, BrainFuse is now available to Ocean County Library cardholders.



Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari and library staff presented a certificate to the New Jersey State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center who, in partnership with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, brought Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) to the Toms River Branch. LEAP provides services for Ocean County residents with vision impairments through training, equipment, and assistive software.



# 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.

## 2016 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



Sal Baglio, Ocean County Library Commission Chairperson



Joseph H. Vicari, Ocean County Library Freeholder Liaison

## Ocean County Library Administration\*

- Susan Quinn, *Library Director*  
 Sara Siegler, *Assistant Library Director*  
 Jennifer Doderer, *Personnel Director*  
 Jeri Gunther, *Chief Librarian, Administration*  
 Rachael Lavoie-Dohn, *Chief Librarian, Toms River*  
 Zarita Mattox-Wright, *Chief Librarian, Toms River*  
 (Retired December 1, 2016)  
 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*  
 Timothy Mailley, *Assistant Technology Manager*  
 Deborah Blackwell, *Training Coordinator*

## 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, 2016

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis For the year ended December 31, 2016 (With comparative totals for December 31, 2015)

### 2016 Financials

	General (Unreserved) Fund	General (Reserved) Fund	2016 Total	2015 Total (Memorandum Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Per capita aid	-	250,342	250,342	251,616
Dedicated tax	35,158,260	-	35,158,260	34,357,582
Fines and fees	469,931	-	469,931	489,193
Added assessment tax	287,709	-	287,709	262,193
Intergovernmental agreements	-	-	-	12,766
Copier fees	44,776	-	44,776	42,160
Automation	-	41,275	41,275	20,025
Grant revenue	-	48,860	48,860	50,409
Donations	-	2,411,173	2,411,173	2,363,455
Appropriation reserves	-	587,594	587,594	234,210
Miscellaneous	191,027	746	191,773	184,850
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$36,151,703</b>	<b>\$3,339,990</b>	<b>\$39,491,693</b>	<b>\$38,268,459</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Salaries	16,829,074	-	16,829,074	16,765,542
Fringe benefits	8,908,952	608,261	9,517,213	9,225,006
Automation	-	50,210	50,210	154,928
Materials	3,464,381	621,603	4,085,984	3,704,928
Programs and public relations	147,910	48,294	196,204	189,855
Professional expenses and seminars	46,406	10,626	57,032	48,077
Professional services	202,154	12,296	214,450	176,681
Administrative services	59,046	3,273	62,319	96,446
Equipment	96,097	12,935	109,032	114,674
Supplies	258,727	4,233	262,960	291,485
Maintenance - buildings and grounds	885,176	148,782	1,033,958	891,933
Maintenance - equipment and vehicles	125,761	10,037	135,798	145,714
Utilities	845,491	176,313	1,021,804	1,117,216
Technology	1,261,323	343,936	1,605,261	1,684,454
Building improvement fund	-	519,936	519,936	630,671
Brick expansion	-	48,642	48,642	2,625
Transfer to appropriation reserves	2,411,173	-	2,411,173	2,363,455
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,541,671</b>	<b>\$2,619,379</b>	<b>\$38,161,050</b>	<b>\$37,603,690</b>
Excess revenues over expenditures	610,032	720,611	1,330,643	664,769
Fund balance, January 1	7,487,353	5,246,467	12,733,820	12,069,051
Transfers to unreserved funds	704,563	(704,563)	-	-
Transfers to reserved funds	(30,000)	30,000	-	-
<b>Fund balance, December 31</b>	<b>\$8,771,948</b>	<b>\$5,292,515</b>	<b>\$14,064,463</b>	<b>\$12,733,820</b>

### Grants

Ocean County Youth Services Commission Grant	\$5,000.00
Ocean County Human Services Department Grant for the Human Trafficking Series Programs	\$500.00
New Jersey Libraries Career Connections Grant for Uniform Career Guidance and Job Search Assistance	\$50,000.00
KearnyBank Foundation Grant to be used for Programming for the Special Needs Population	\$2,500.00

### Donations

Alice and John Comer	Friends of the Upper Shores Branch	Mary Loizeaux
Amanda McClellan	Friends of the Waretown Library	Mirage II Book Club
Anne Esposito	Gary and Sherry Kluver	Mr. & Mrs. Sullivan
Anthony and Rose Horan	Georgia R. Livingston	Nancy and George Camilleri
B. Fishman	Gloria and George Mako	National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association
Barbara Meade	Greenbriar Oceanaire Israeli Heritage Club	Ocean County Genealogical Society
Bill Shurtleff	Greenbriar Oceanaire Women's Club	Ocean County Library Foundation
Cathie Mills & Karen Siegel	Harold and Marion Sargeant	Ocean County YMCA
Curtis F. Watts	Harry Ender	Paula and John Sullivan
Denise Wirth	Hecht Family Foundation	Renzulli Charitable Trust
Doris B. McCluskey & Christine M. Chanda	Jackson Friends of the Library	Richard and Gale Yetman
Dorothy Applin	Jackson Kiwanis Club	Shachihata
Dover Publications	Janet H. Siegfried	Sherry Derr
Eileen Person	Jimmy McAndrew	Steve and Karen Csencsits
Ellen R. Ranur	Joan Carroll	The Central NJ Chapter of the Lithuanian American Community
Francis J. McGinley	John D. Mocko	The Garden Club of LBI
Friends of the Barnegat Library	Joseph and Frances Kosa	The Grunin Foundation
Friends of the Beachwood Branch	Judge Lawrence Bilder	The Harold Sargeant Family
Friends of the Berkeley Library	June Fiorentino	The Hecht Family Foundation
Friends of the Brick Library	Kate Leigh Cutler	The Italian Cultural Society of LBI
Friends of the Island Library	Kathleen Davis	The Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island
Friends of the Lacey Library	Kiwanis Club of Toms River Daybreak	The Ocean Acres Civic Association
Friends of the Lakewood Branch	Kristen Valente	The Osborn Island Residents Associations, Inc.
Friends of the Little Egg Harbor Branch	Lakeside Gardeners	The Rotary of Toms River
Friends of the Manchester Branch	Libero and Giuliana Renzulli	The Terry Krietz Family
Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River	Linda Mucko Quinlan	Tom Seiz
Friends of the Plumsted Library	Lion's Club of Stafford	Toms River Police Foundation
Friends of the Point Pleasant Beach Branch	Liz Barnes	Trustees of the Library
Friends of the Pt. Pleasant Borough Branch	Lorraine and Robert Henry	Tuckerton Library Association
Friends of the Stafford Library	Marianne Rego	Zelda and Richard Gross
	Mary Grant	

### Circulation

Barnegat	155,071
Bay Head	6,228
Beachwood	32,776
Berkeley	154,317
Brick	537,725
Island Heights	43,401
Jackson	362,490
Lacey	162,519
Lakewood	552,569
Little Egg Harbor	167,516
Long Beach Island	81,816
Manchester	399,800
Plumsted	58,152
Pt. Pleasant Beach	45,800
Pt. Pleasant Boro	177,405
Stafford	184,030
Toms River	610,185
Tuckerton	37,376
Upper Shores	72,183
Waretown	42,738
Whiting	88,626
<b>System Circulation</b>	<b>4,225,097</b>



### Community Partners

501 <sup>st</sup> Legion	County Animal Shelter	Lacey Chamber of Commerce	Monmouth Medical Center's Southern Campus	Ocean County Air Support Squadron	Saker ShopRite
AARP Tax-Aide Foundation	Georgian Court University	Lacey Historical Society	Multigenerational Orchestra	Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders	Science-Technology Activities & Resources for Libraries Network
Adult Literacy & Community Library	Ghostbusters NJ	Lacey Recreation Department	Municipal Alliance Committee	Ocean County College	SCORE of Ocean County
Allies Barnegat Shore Day Program	Girl Scout Troop 323	Lacey Schools	Municipal Alliance Project	Ocean County Department of Juvenile Services	Seer Animal Sanctuary
Amergael (Irish culture organization)	Girl Scout Troop 416	Lakehurst Historical Society	NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness)	Ocean County Family Support, Inc.	Silver Bay Elementary School
American Historical Theatre	Great Bay Rotary Club	Lakewood Estonian House	National Endowment for the Humanities	Ocean County Health Department	Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service
American Library Association	Great John Mathis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution	Lakewood Municipal Alliance	National Thespian Society	Ocean County Human Services Commission	Sonata Bay Senior Community and Holiday Heights Senior Community
American Red Cross	Greenbriar Woodlands	Lakewood Police Department	New Egypt School District	Ocean County Jewish Federation's Children and Family Services	Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers, Inc
Antrim Elementary School	Helping Hands Food Pantry	Lakewood School District	New Egypt Speedway	Ocean County Mental Health Awareness Committee	Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter
ARC of Ocean County	High School East Autism Academy	Lakewood Township	New Jersey Council for the Humanities	Ocean County Parks Department	Southern Ocean Medical Center
ARC of Toms River	Higher Education Student Assistance Authority of New Jersey	Lanoka Harbor School	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	Ocean County Probation-Juvenile Supervision	Space Science Institute
BALAM Dance Theatre	HM Potter School	Lanoka Harbor School District	New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services	Ocean County Prosecutor's Office	St. Francis Center Food Pantry
Barnegat School District	Horizon's Speakers Bureau	Lavallette Municipal Alliance	New Jersey Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	Ocean County Social Services	St. Francis Community Center
Bay Beach Camp	Howling Woods Farm	Leisure Knoll	New Jersey Library Association	Ocean County Vocational Technical School	St. Mary's of the Pines
Bayview Park (Long Beach Township)	Island Heights Elementary School	Leisure Park Independent Living	New Jersey State Library	Ocean County Youth Services Commission	St. Paul Lutheran Church
Beachwood Community Center	Italian Cultural Society of Long Beach Island	Level Up Entertainment	New Jersey Theatre Alliance	Ocean Integrated Wellness Center	Starbucks
Beachwood Elementary School	Jackson Academy Early Childhood Education	Library Equal Access Program (LEAP)	New Jersey Unclaimed Property Administration	Ocean Mental Health	Starfleet- USS Challenger
Boy Scouts of New Egypt	Jackson Homeschool Group	Little Egg Harbor School District	New Jersey's Department of Child Protection & Permanency	Ocean Residential Community Home	Superior Court of New Jersey
Brick School District	Jackson Kiwanis Club	Little Egg Harbor Township	NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Parents of Autistic Children Conference	The Grunin Foundation
Burlington County Library	Jackson Premium Outlets	Long Beach Island Chamber of Commerce	NJ Council for the Humanities	Perlmutter ShopRites	Toms River Area NAACP
Cattus Island County Park	Jackson School District	Long Beach Island Health Department	NJ Department of Labor	Philadelphia Chapter of The Transgender Oral History Project	Toms River Day Break Kiwanis Club
Cell Phones for Soldiers	Jenkinson's Aquarium	Long Beach Island Kiwanis Club	NJ Pinelands Commission	Plumsted Business and Merchants Association	Toms River Fire Company
Central Regional High School	Jersey City University Nursing Department	Long Beach Island School District	NJ Snake Man	Point Boro Community Watch	Toms River Regional Schools
Cloverdale Farm	Jewish Federation of Ocean County	Mama's-Gonna Rescue	NJ State Library Talking Book and Braille Center	Point Pleasant Borough School District	Toms River Township
ComicsPRO	John F. Johnson Junior Memorial Park	Marquee Cinemas	Ocean Affiliate of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children	Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce	Tuckerton Redman Lodge: Pohatcong Tribe 61
County Council for Young Children	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Mental Health Association	Association for the Education of Young Children	Rutgers Cooperative Extension	University of Akron and Hiram College
Cuyahoga Community College	Kean University	Mental Health Association in New Jersey in Ocean County	Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women	Ocean County Master Gardeners	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Diamond Comic Distributors	KearnyBank Foundation	Meridian Health		Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County	WBNJ 91.9 FM
DK Publishing	Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Island	MOMS Club of New Egypt New Jersey		Safe Kids Monmouth Ocean Counties	Winteringham Village
Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School	Knights of Columbus	Monmouth County Library			
East Lynn Theater Company		Monmouth High School			
Friends of the Southern Ocean					