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Ocean County Library seeks student film submissions

TOMS RIVER – Roll out the red carpet and break out the popcorn, the 12th annual Ocean County Library Student Film Festival is approaching and submissions are needed.

The Ocean County Library is looking for the next Stephen Spielberg and Quentin Tarantino. Entries by high school filmmakers are now being accepted for a chance to see their film viewed on the big screen on Saturday, April 28. The submission deadline is Friday, March 16. There is no entry fee.

Submissions are being accepted in the following categories:

Animation:

An illustrated or computer-animated film featuring a story or a plot. The visual technique provides the illusion of motion by displaying a collection of images in sequence. Limit three minutes.

Commercial:

An advertisement for a company, local business or product. The object is to create an interest in the promotion of the advertisement and should be targeted to the public. Limit 90 seconds.

Documentary:

Primarily for the purpose of education, instruction or historical record, documentaries cover a broad category of subjects intended to highlight some aspect of reality surrounding an issue, topic, or person of importance. The film should add value and promote discussion by bringing in new information, identifying unrecognized problems, providing or suggesting new solutions, or offering a unique perspective. Limit five minutes.

Experimental:

The film should be characterized by abstract or avant-garde techniques, a poetic approach to a film's construction, or the absence of a linear narrative. Limit five minutes.

Music Video:

A film integrating a song and imagery created for artistic purposes. The film should represent the artist's original work and emphasize the relationship between audio and video. Limit five minutes.

News Coverage:

A segment that brings attention to an important issue ranging from local to global. Limit three minutes.

OCL Promo – Make us a social media video!:

Create a piece that features why the library is important to you and the community! The winning video will be pinned on the library's Facebook and You Tube pages. Limit two minutes.

(PSA) Public Service Announcement:

Create a message, with the objective of raising awareness or changing public attitudes and behavior towards a social issue. Limit two minutes.

School Coverage:

An informational segment about something happening at your school, such as academics, a sporting event, a play, etc. Limit three minutes.

Short Film:

It should be an original film that emphasizes a story. It should include character development, conflict and resolution with creative storylines that strive to keep the viewer engaged for the full length of the film. Subcategories include but are not limited to action, adventure, comedy, drama and horror. Limit five minutes.

Silent Film:

A film that contains no synchronized soundtrack and no spoken dialogue. It should emphasize a story. It should include character development, conflict and resolution with creative storylines that strive to keep the viewer engaged for the full length of the film. Subcategories include but are not limited to action, adventure, comedy, drama and horror. Limit five minutes.

Stop Motion / Claymation:

Limit three minutes.

The film festival will take place at the Toms River Branch, 101 Washington St. on the big screen in Mancini Hall, from 6 to 9 pm. Entering and attending the festival are free!

Entry requirements, FAQs and the link to the application can be found on the Ocean County Library website (theoceancountylibrary.org) and at all 21 library locations.