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PRESS RELEASE

What: Panel discussion of Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 8

Where: Toms River library branch, 101 Washington St.

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Will "Watchman" become an American classic?

TOMS RIVER - Before the release of Harper Lee's second novel, "Go Set a Watchman," in July many people weighed in, both pro and con, on the book's merits.

The controversy has quieted down. The reviewers have moved on to other books and other opinions. Now it is time to hold thoughtful conversations about "Watchman" and its relevance to modern literature.

Ocean County Library will present local high school English teachers and college professors to discuss it and her first novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Moderated by an Ocean County Library librarian, the panelists will grapple with themes presented in Lee's new novel, discuss how the two relate, and decide if "Go Set a Watchman" can stand on its own in the canon of American literature.

The panelists include:

Dr. David Bordelon, Ocean County College

Dr. Vibiana Cvetkovic, Rutgers University-Camden

Denelle Johnson, Brick Township High School

Kelly Johnson, Pinelands Regional High School

Dr. T. Madison Peschock, Ocean County College

"Harper Lee's Vision: A Panel Discussion" will be held at the library's Toms River branch, 101 Washington St., 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 8th. The program is free but registration is required. To register, telephone the operator at 732-349-6200 or 609-971-0514, or go to the library website: www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on the "Events & News" icon, then click on "Calendar of Events."