

## **OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY**

Connecting People ... Building Community...Transforming Lives

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## OCL to become a tobacco & smoke-free campus

**TOMS RIVER** - Ocean County Library campuses will be tobacco and smoke free beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The policy, which was adopted on August 17, 2015 prohibits tobacco use and smoking in all forms, including the use of electronic cigarettes and smoke-free oral tobacco products on library grounds.

"The decision to become tobacco and smoke-free campus is important to our mission of "connecting people, building community, and transforming lives" through the power of information," said Susan Quinn, Library Director. "This includes the library's role in providing information resources on chronic disease prevention and serving as a welcoming and safe space for the educational needs of the children and teens who use our library system."

"People smoking at the entrances to libraries were making some people and families feel unwelcome," Director Quinn said.