



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Ocean County Library · Connecting People, Building Community, Transforming Lives







# OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

# SENSORY SPACE

EXPLORE • SENSE • EXPERIENCE



The Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space at the Toms River Branch provides a calm, relaxing atmosphere designed to relieve stress and anxiety. The equipment within the Space is visually stimulating, tactile, soothing, and interactive. It is a welcoming space to all members of our community.

Innovative features include:

- IRiS Musical Touch Wall
- IRiS Qube and IRiS Recordable Speaker
- Sensory Canopy
- LED Illuminators
- LED Play Light Cube
- LED Chromatherapy Fiber Optic Softie Sensory Beanbag Chair
- Fiber Optic Color-Changing Light Waterfall
- Vibroacoustic Long Easy Chair
- Colorful Crawley Mat with Matching Cubes



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# A Message from the Director

In 2021, Ocean County Library continued to further our mission of Connecting People, Building Community and Transforming Lives during the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our library staff worked in creative and innovative ways to live our library values of Community, Respect, Integrity, Excellence and Customer Service to connect our community with library services, ease isolation and bring joy and happiness to people.

Ocean County Library not only reestablished library services in 2021, but we expanded library services. This included expanding library service hours at our library branches by 3,848 hours annually over previous years; becoming a "Fine Free" Library; writing a winning proposal that was awarded \$4.8 million dollars to build a new Stafford Library branch in the second round of the New Jersey State Library Construction Bond Act grant; celebrating the grand opening of our new Sensory Space, the first of its kind in New Jersey; continuing to further Discover Ocean County Library: An Education Initiative; running a successful Summer Reading program "Tales and Tails"; easing senior isolation and bridging the digital divide through innovative new programs and services; and providing unique programs and events at all library branches both virtual and in-person.

Ocean County Library staff shared a quote with me by the writer Ryūnosuke Akutagawa that goes "Individually we are one drop, together we are the ocean." They explained the meaning of this as follows:

*You are part of something greater than yourself.  
Yet without you, we'd be less, just as the ocean is less without each drop.  
It takes our combined skills, talents, and intelligence to be all we can be.  
Together we make a powerful difference.  
Let's make waves!*

I could not be prouder of our Ocean County Library staff and their unwavering and dedicated service to our community.



## Welcome



It is an honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the Library Commission, and I continue to be extremely proud of the Library staff members who work tirelessly to provide such vital resources to the various communities within Ocean County. Ocean County Library always evolves with the ever-changing needs of the community, offering so many wonderful things, such as digital resources, outstanding programming and events, a comprehensive Sensory Space, support for our educators through the Education Initiative, and community partnerships, just to name a few. Ocean County Library exemplifies their mission statement of Connecting People, Transforming Lives, Building Community in everything they do. The past few years have proven to be exceedingly difficult facing the Covid-19 epidemic, and dealing with the aftermath of such a tumultuous time in our nation's history. Every member of the Ocean County Library team has stepped up to play such a huge part in keeping the Library, and in turn, the community, at the forefront of innovation and perseverance during these times. I look forward to the future and seeing what remarkable things continue to emerge from Ocean County Library.



# Commission and Management Team 2021

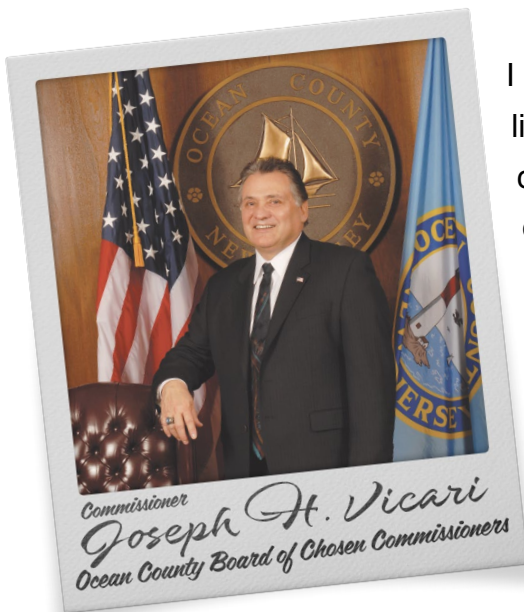
## 2021 Ocean County Library Commission

Ruthanne Scaturro, *Chairperson*  
Christopher J. Mullins, *Vice Chairperson*  
Susan L. Hutler,  
*Ocean County Library Foundation Liaison*  
Henry J. Mancini  
Timothy McDonald  
Bonnie R. Peterson  
Paul F. Wolleon

## Ocean County Library Administration

Susan Quinn, *Library Director*  
Sara Siegler, *Assistant Library Director*  
Deborah Blackwell, *Training Officer*  
Joseph Cahill, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Barry DePaul, *Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*  
Jenn Doderer, *Personnel Director*  
Michael Erickson, *Assistant Maintenance Supervisor*  
David Evans, *Technology Manager*  
Jeri Gunther, *Chief Librarian, Administration*  
Rachael Lavoie-Dohn, *Chief Librarian, Toms River*  
Timothy Mailley, *Assistant Technology Manager*  
Rita Oakes, *Chief Librarian, Branch Services*  
Kelly-Ann Pennell, *Chief Librarian, Branch Services*  
Jennifer Woodman, *Budget Officer*

The governing body for Ocean County Library is the seven-member Ocean County Library Commission. Commissioners are unpaid volunteers, appointed for 5-years, who are responsible for the oversight of Library funds, property, and equipment, as well as determining the policies and rules governing Library services in promotion of the Library's interests.



I am proud to serve as liaison to Ocean County Library. Our librarians and staff are an essential and talented part of the communities they serve. Our libraries truly offer something for everyone, from books and movies to digital services and a therapeutic sensory space for all of our residents.

Commissioner Joseph H. Vicari has served as a member of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Commissioners since 1981 and has served as Library Liaison since 2004.

# Fine Free

This year, Ocean County Library was thrilled to join the vanguard among library systems nationwide, in instituting a fine-free policy.



“Eliminating overdue fines makes the experience of coming to the library much more enjoyable for both customers and staff. We welcome our entire community into the library to borrow materials and enjoy them.”

—Sara Siegler

*Ocean County Library Assistant Director*

“Our Ocean County residents are very responsible about taking care of their Library books and materials and returning them. As a result, the Ocean County Library Commission decided to make the suspension of late fines permanent.”

—Susan Quinn

*Ocean County Library Director*



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“Nothing is more important to the Library than maintaining a healthy relationship with patrons. Saying ‘farewell to fines’ is another step in the right direction.”

–Ruthanne Scaturro

*Ocean County Library Commission Chair*

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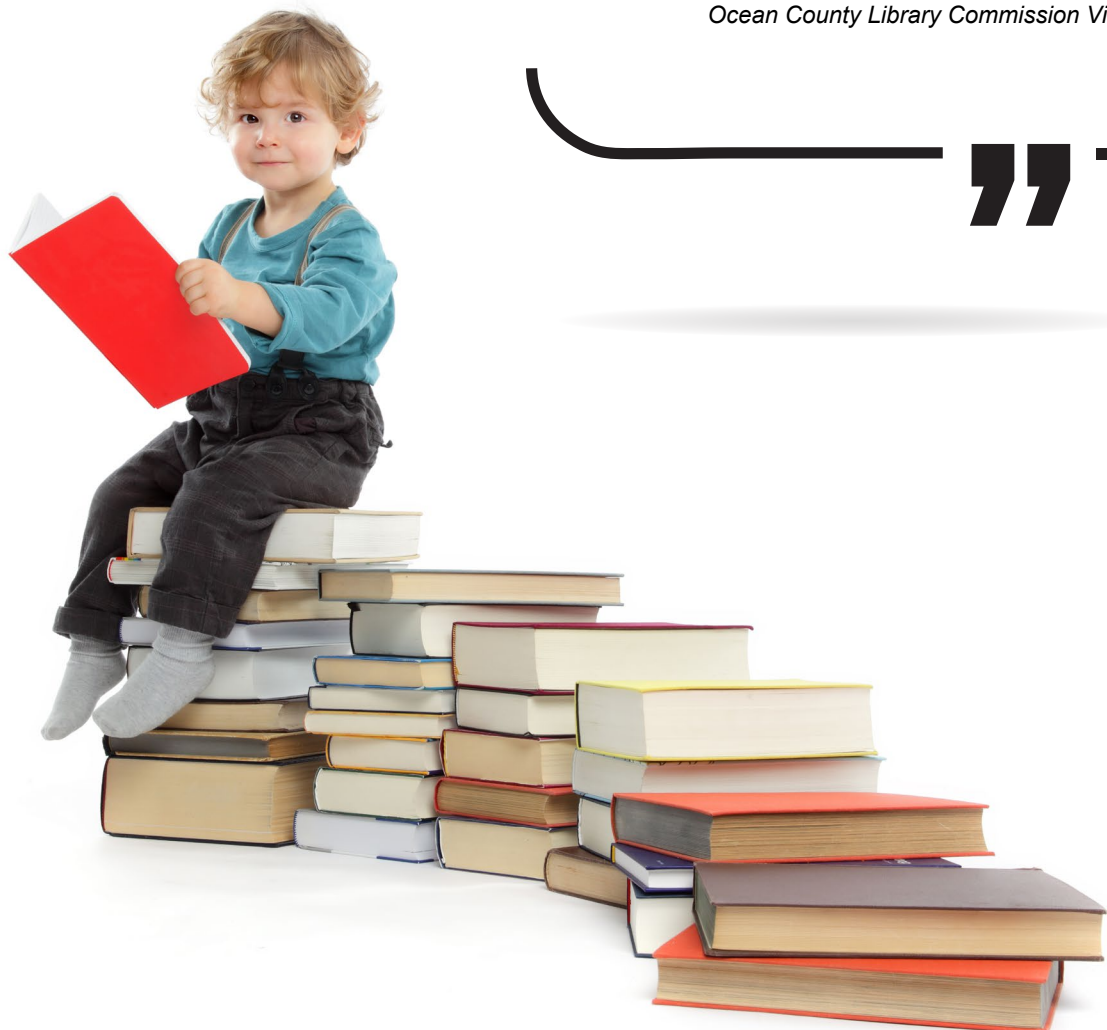
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“It will make using our services more convenient for our patrons who lead busy lives, and for those living with limited resources.”

–Christopher Mullins

*Ocean County Library Commission Vice Chair*

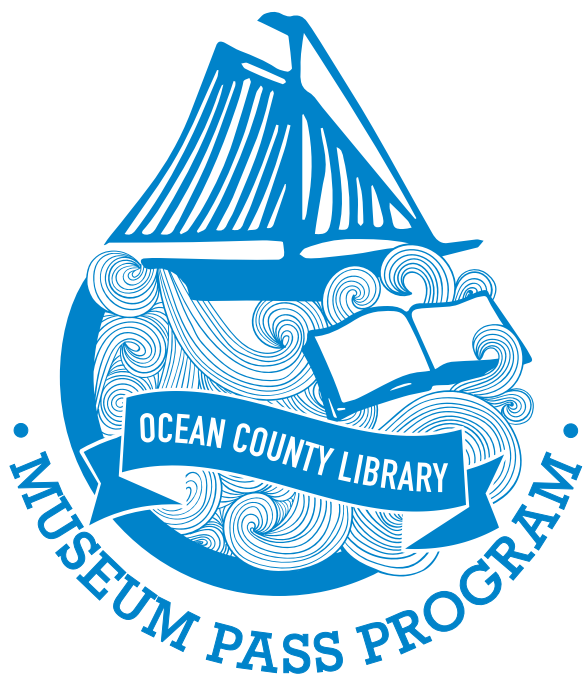
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# Expansion of Library Services and Resources

## Expanded Library Hours

In 2021, Ocean County Library expanded open hours by 3,848 per year, providing additional access to in-house library services to the communities in which we serve.



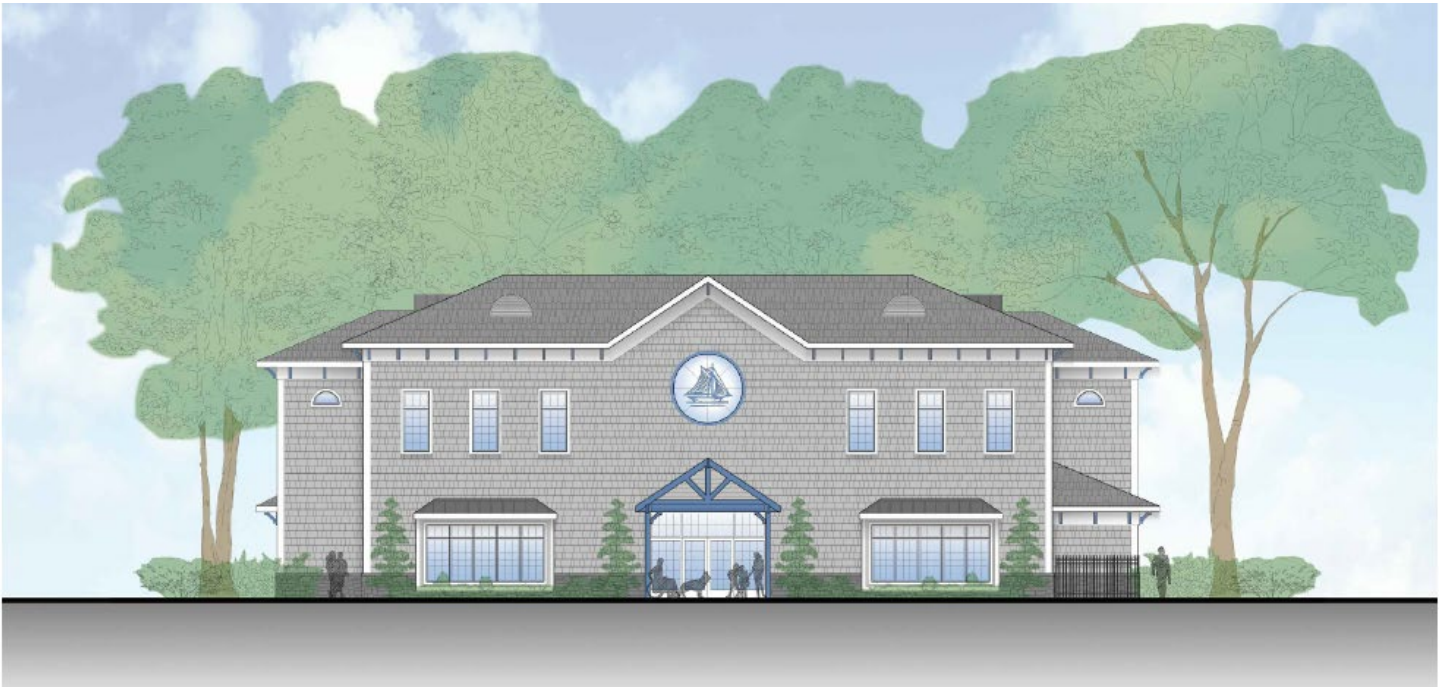
## Museum Pass Program

The following 5 museums were added to our Museum Pass Program in 2021:

- Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial
- Newark Museum of Art
- New-York Historical Society Museum and Library
- The Jewish Museum
- The Historic Village at Allaire



# New Stafford Library Branch



On July 21, 2017, Governor Chris Christie signed the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, P.L. 2017, c. 149, which authorized the issuance of \$125 million in general obligation bonds to finance capital projects at public libraries. The State Library developed the rules to implement the Act for the construction, reconstruction, extension, improvement, and furnishing of New Jersey's public libraries.

In 2021, Ocean County Library applied for \$4,824,000 in funding in Round Two of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act to build a new Stafford Library with the County of Ocean and the support of Stafford Township. Round Two of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act passed both the Assembly and the Senate on January 10, 2022. It was signed by Governor Phil Murphy on January 12, 2022. The second round of funding for the Library Construction Bond Act allocated \$37 million to 36 library projects from 13 counties across New Jersey, including \$4,824,000 in matching grant funds for the construction of a new Stafford Library.

The construction of a new Stafford Branch of the Ocean County Library will provide needed social infrastructure in southern Ocean County for library services, community partnerships and interpersonal connections to support population growth and to provide resiliency in times of natural disasters and emergencies. The new library will be 19,700 s.f. and built on land owned by the County of Ocean located at the nexus of state roads serving as coastal evacuation routes. The library will serve as the community anchor in the Ocean County Southern Service Center complex and have a full-building generator, needed community spaces, state-of-the art technologies, public computers, shelving for 40- 50% more books and new services including teen area, study rooms, maker space and sensory space.

# Sensory Space Grand Opening

The Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space officially opened to the public on September 1, 2021. Created for people of all ages and abilities but primarily for those with sensory processing challenges, the Sensory Space provides a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all members of our community. “The purpose of creating this space is to provide an environment that develops the senses, encourages communication and social interactions, relieves stress and anxiety, and produces a feeling of calm and well-being,” said Sara Siegler, Assistant Library Director.

Many patrons have said that a visit to the Library now also includes a visit to the Sensory Space and it is becoming an integral part of a productive and enjoyable experience while at the Toms River Branch.

The success of the space is evident, and is echoed in the words of Ocean County Commissioner Joseph Vicari: “The Ocean County Library is a leader in recognizing a need and addressing it in an effort to make sure the library is a place that everyone can visit.”



*Front Row – Library Commissioner Bonnie R. Peterson, Library Commission Chair Ruthanne Scaturro, Library Assistant Director Sara Siegler.*

*Back Row –Ocean County Commissioner Joseph H. Vicari, Director of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners Gary Quinn, Library Legal Counsel Ed Feury, Esq., Library Foundation member Douglas J. Hull, Esq., Library Commissioner Paul F. Wolleon, Library Commissioner Henry J. Mancini, Library Director Susan Quinn.*



# Podcasts

Podcasts became the Library's newest method of internet-based engagement with the debut of "OCL Sound Waves" on Spotify. Library staffers presented discussions that focused on new literature, OCL archives, crafts, films, COVID-19, sports, aging, video gaming, mental health and more, and introduced listeners to novelists, illustrators, health experts, artists, collectors, and community leaders. From its April inception through the end of 2021, "OCL Sound Waves" amassed 1,243 plays among 41 podcasts, drawing audiences in the US and Europe.



## Temple Grandin

On April 17, Dr. Temple Grandin presented the keynote address at the library's annual Autism Resources Fair, held virtually in 2021.

"Dr. Grandin, who was diagnosed with autism at an early age, is an inspiration to individuals with autism and their caregivers," said Wendi Smolowitz, Co-Chair of the Library's Autism Resources Committee. "Like many people with autism, she was a late speaker, experienced behavioral issues, and was uncertain in social situations. Today, she is a widely-respected autism advocate, designer of livestock handling facilities, and a Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University.

"In sharing her story with the Ocean County Library community, Dr. Grandin helped us achieve the goal of the Fair – which is to demonstrate that given the proper resources, those with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to live their best, most-fulfilling lives."



*Sponsored by OceanFirst Foundation Arts and Cultural Grant and the Ocean County Library Foundation.*

# Senior Services

Senior Services proved to have an exciting year that included the implementation of several new initiatives and community partnerships, as well as the resumption of delivery services to 38 life care centers in Ocean County.

The department conducted two system-wide awareness campaigns, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month.

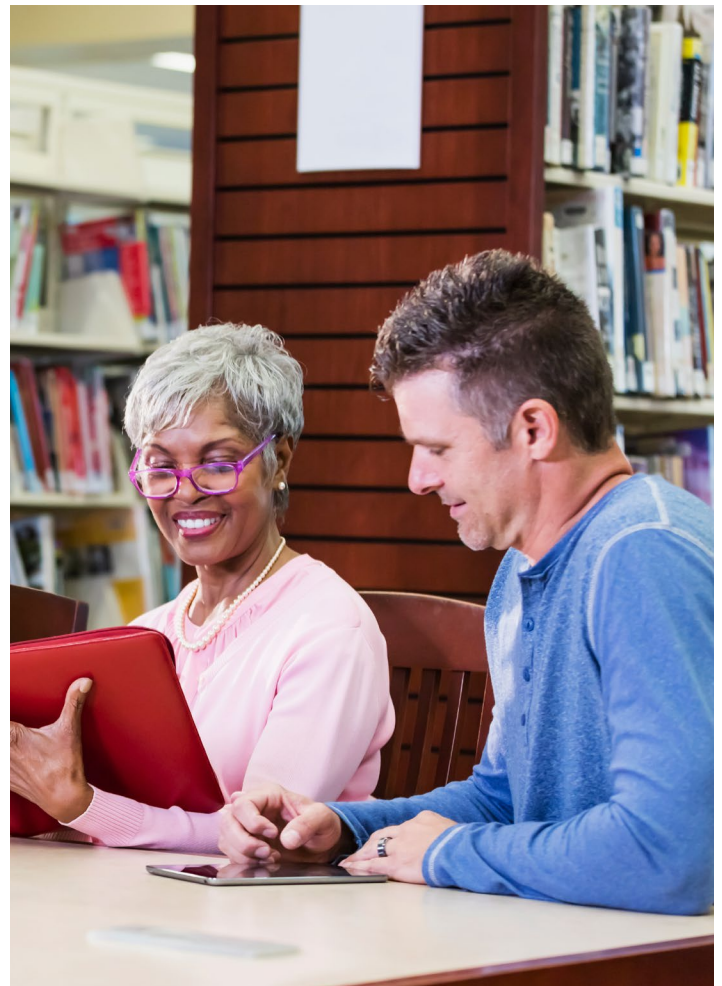
Ocean County Library partnered with The Alzheimer's Association to offer a virtual community forum to learn firsthand what resources are available and what is needed for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and Dementia.

The partnership with Meals on Wheels of Ocean County was revitalized in 2021, which allowed Ocean County Library's Books by Mail services to be offered to Meals on Wheels clients. The department also worked closely with the Ocean County Office of Senior Services to coordinate Medicare Counseling and Enrollment Sessions at five branches, and worked with the Ocean County Health Department to distribute 560 Senior Wellness Kits among the Library Branches.

Homebound and Volunteer Services and Collections collaborated to establish a community collection of CDs and DVDs at the life care centers we serve.



*Melissa Cali, Library Assistant and Judy Macaluso, Senior Services Coordinator*





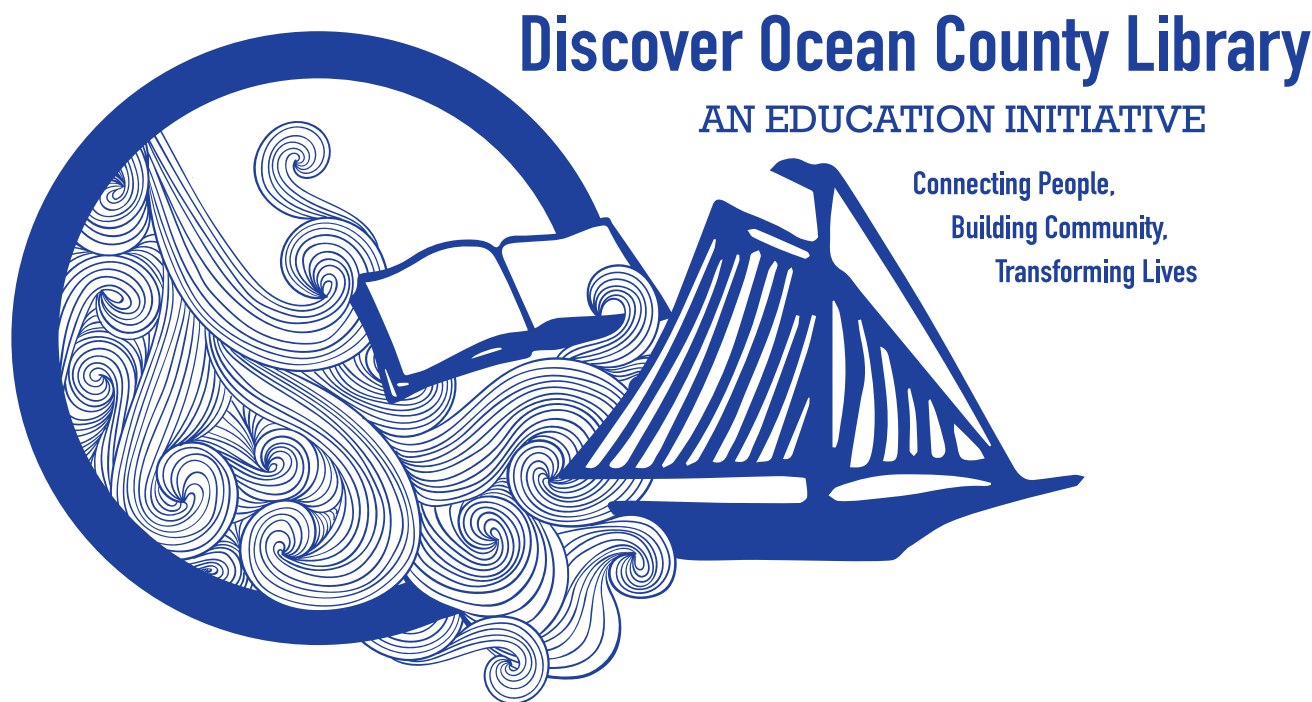
# Hotspot/Chromebook Launch

Hotspot and Chromebook Lending launched in September.

In September 2021 OCL started a pilot program, lending Chromebooks and Hotspots for a 4 week borrowing limit via word of mouth only. The library decided not to do a PR campaign, looking instead to attract only those library customers who regularly seek out technology assistance at their local branch. Throughout the system, there are 75 Chromebooks and 150 Hotspots available. The Ocean County Library Foundation provided \$10,000 toward the funding of this project.

*This project was funded in part by a generous donation from the Ocean County Library Foundation.*





**Discover Ocean County Library: An Education Initiative** is an ongoing partnership between Ocean County Library and our schools. Our goal is to put a library card in the hand of every student and to better serve the curriculum needs of educators, students, and their families. Our librarians can provide professional development hours for educators. We can also visit classrooms to promote reading and demonstrate online resources for research and enrichment. These resources are free to access with your library card.

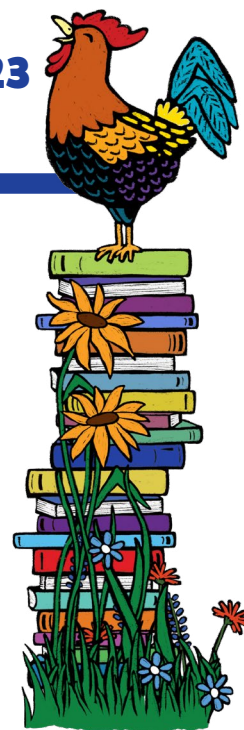




# Summer Reading Stats

Department	Registration Amount	Completion Amount	Books Read	Number of Programs	Attendees
Children's:	<b>1,951</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>28,765</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>12,824</b>
Teens:	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>20,816</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>13,775</b>
Adults:	<b>601</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>6,923</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>8,423</b>

Ocean County Library hosted a season full of excitement and fun, while keeping readers of all ages entertained and reading with the 2021 Summer Reading Theme, Tails & Tales. Readers had the opportunity to track their books through the Beanstack app and were then entered to win some great prizes.



# Dive into YA

In 2021, Teen Services hosted Dive into YA: It's Not Just for Teens, A Virtual Author Series. Aimed at educators, parents, and teens, this series introduced attendees to 17 well-known authors in the world of Young Adult Literature. The international authors, of diverse backgrounds, and writing genres, spoke upon their writing process, their work, and held Q & A sessions with the audiences. Among those participating were notable, New York Times Best Selling authors, A.S. King, Steve Sheinkin, Julie Murphy, and Ibi Zoboi.

## Dive into YA: It's Not Just for Teens

### A Virtual Author Series




CRYSTAL  
MALDONADO




SANDHYA  
MENON



LAURA  
SEBASTIAN



STEVE  
SHEINKIN




MOLLY  
OSTERTAG



PC & KRISTIN  
CAST




MEGAN  
MCCAFFERTY




ELIZABETH  
LIM




KATIE ZHAO



GRETCHEN  
MCNEIL




KIT FRICK



JULIE  
MURPHY




GREG NERI




IBI ZOBOI



PAMELA N.  
HARRIS



DARCIE LITTLE  
BADGER



AS KING

# Take & Make

## Learn to Loom Knit a Premie Hat

Participants of this Take & Make learned the basics of loom knitting to donate premie hats to a local hospital. *This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River.*



With the absence of most in-person programming, Ocean County Library staff found creative ways to fill the gap. One of these ways was to offer Take & Make projects for adults, teens, and children. These projects were designed to be useful, novel and decorative.

During the month of January, patrons had choices among 45 "Take & Make" projects available at Ocean County Library branches.



# Noteworthy Stats of 2021



**1,063,609**

**Library  
Visits**



**4,470**

**Library events  
held in 2021**



**803,706**

**Website  
Visits**



**10,280**

**Library Programs  
Held in 2021**



**940,316**

**Reference Questions  
Answered**



**Our  
Facebook page  
reached**

**10,000**

**lifetime Likes on July 17**

# National Pet Day

With an incredible response from Ocean County Library's community, staff compiled adorable pet photo submissions from patrons to celebrate National Pet Day and Dress Your Pet Day. Nearly 100 patrons submitted photos to share their cute companions on social media to reach over 2000 viewers.



We asked our followers to submit photos of their favorite furry, feathery and scaly friends, and they did not disappoint. Here are just some of the wonderful photos that we featured on our social media.





# You're One in a Million

On Friday, April 16, all branches celebrated “You’re One in a Million” – A recognition of our one-millionth self-check kiosk use since the re-opening of our library branches in July 2020 after the Coronavirus closure earlier in the year. At each branch location, a customer was surprised with an OCL goody bag and a commemorative “One in a Million” thank you certificate. Thank you to Ocean County Library’s customers for supporting the library during these challenging times.



# Getting Social with OCL



**1,244**

**combined hours  
of video were  
watched  
on YouTube  
and Facebook**



**In 2021,  
1,084**

**posts were made  
on Facebook**

**Total Reach: 1,125,435**

**Total Shares: 3,839**

**Total Likes: 15,278**

**Total Comments: 1,056**



**Top performing  
Facebook post  
in 2021?**

**Fine-Free Announcement with**

**14,360  
reach!**

**It was also the most  
shared (113), liked (632),  
and commented (93)**



**Our  
YouTube Channel  
had**

**38,905**

**impressions in 2021,  
a 76% increase from 2020**

# OCL is on Social Media!



Ocean County Library



@oceancountylibrarynj



@oceancountylib



@oceancountylib



@oclnj



/oclvideo



OCL Sound Waves



# Branch Moments

## Barnegat Branch

Black History Month was honored with a virtual program on YouTube about the life and accomplishments of traffic light inventor, Garret Morgan. This program received more than 1,400 views.

## Island Heights Branch

In early July of 2021, the Island Heights Branch was able to offer its first in-person program since the pandemic, Stories in the Park. Children, parents, and caregivers were able to reconnect at a local park for songs, stories, dancing, and lots of library giveaways.

## Jackson Branch

Staff members attended Jackson Night Out on August 3. They connected with new patrons, gave out library card applications, and distributed giveaways to over 250 people.



## Lacey Branch

A staff member created a virtual program titled, Adinkra Symbols and Meanings, where viewers learned about West African culture. This YouTube video has over 3,300 views.

# Branch Moments

## Little Egg Harbor Branch

A Little Egg Harbor staff member visited the Robert C. Wood Senior Early Childhood Center as part of the Education Initiative. Ninety-four library card applications were processed after the event.



## Manchester Branch

The Manchester Branch furthered the Library's Education Initiative through a Database Challenge program, offered to elementary schoolers. Youth Services staffers made video tutorials of Scholastic TrueFlix, World Almanac for Kids, and CultureGrams.

## Plumsted Branch

Plumsted staff offered their patrons a fun Take & Make craft titled Paper Mache Mushrooms.



## Pt. Beach Branch

Stan Mennuto, a 9/11 survivor, shared his story of that fateful day with the Point Pleasant Beach community to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

# Branch Moments

## Stafford Branch

In partnership with the Stafford Township Historical Society, staff attended the wildly popular outdoor Summer Concert Series at Manahawkin Lake Park. Community members signed up for library cards, took programming calendars, learned about digital resources, and completed crafts while listening to music.



## Toms River Branch

Toms River kicked off in-person programming for adults with a performance by Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Approximately 45 people attended and many remarked how happy they were to be back at the library for a program.



## Tuckerton Branch

On June 8, the 46 preschoolers who attend classes in Tuckerton Elementary School walked to the Tuckerton Branch for an outdoor story time.





# Branch Moments



## Upper Shores Branch

The Upper Shores Branch collected over 140 handmade and store-bought cold weather accessories to donate to Simon's Kitchen in Seaside Heights. A Giving Tree was displayed on the main floor of the library and community members dropped off donations.

## Waretown Branch

Waretown Branch partnered with Just Kil'n Time, a local business, for a winter tree ceramic craft.



## Virtual

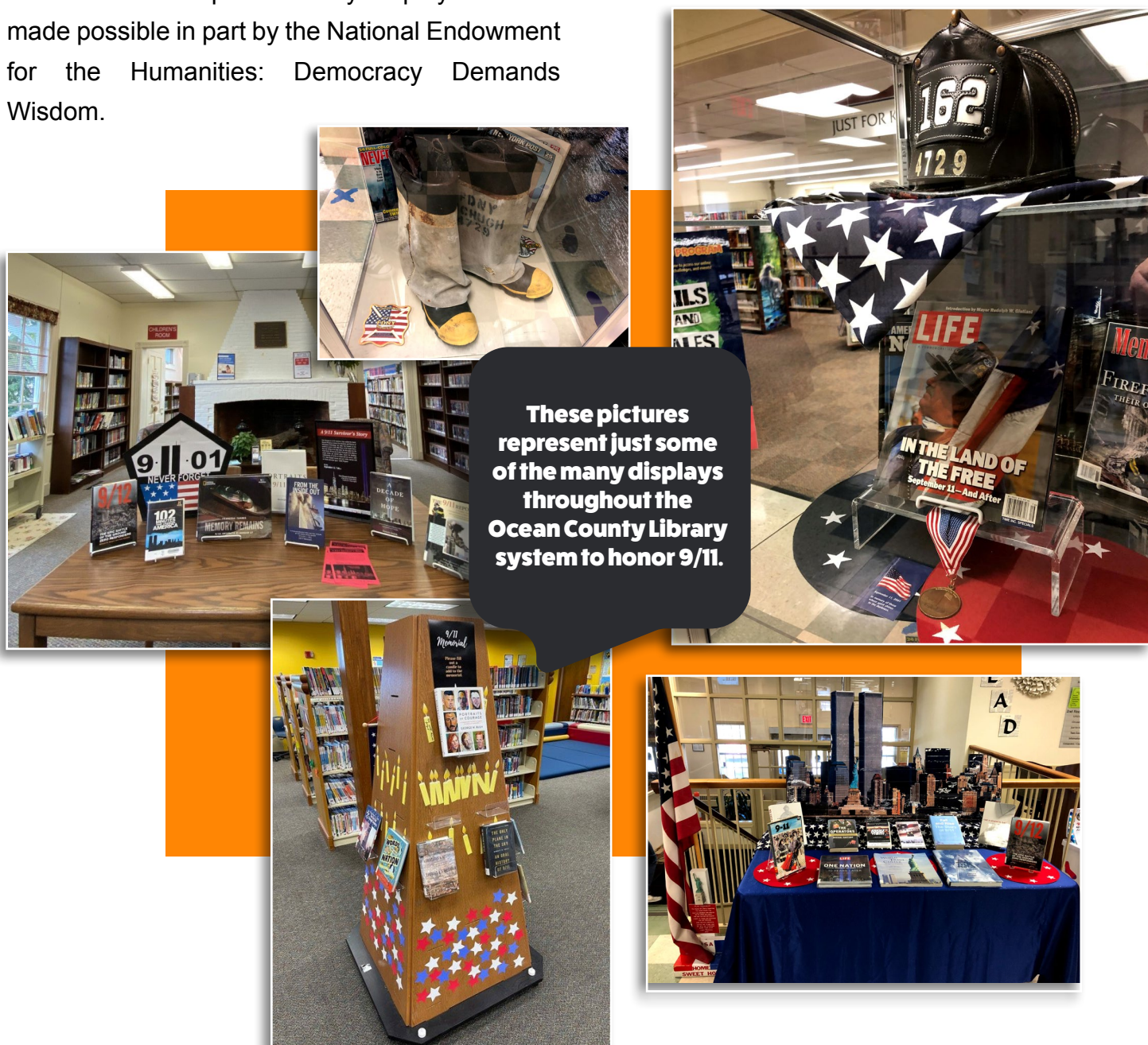
On August 26, award winning children's book author, Dan Gutman, joined us on Zoom for a live virtual author visit. Those in attendance learned more about his books, heard some hilarious stories, and received some tips and tricks on how they can become authors. Gutman took great care to answer all the children's questions during the event and provided encouragement to those expressing an interest in writing.

# 9/11 Exhibit

For the month of September, Ocean County Library was honored to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 by hosting the poster exhibit “September 11, 2001: the Day that Changed the World.”

The exhibit was developed by the 9/11 Memorial and Museum for public library display and was made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom.

Told across 14 posters, this exhibition included archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum’s permanent collection. The exhibit explored the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encouraged critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.





# Community Partners

Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter	Island Heights School District	Meals on Wheels of Ocean County	Sadie Vickers Resource Center
Barnegat Communities that Care (CTC)	Jackson Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group	Division of Developmental Disabilities for the Department of Human Services of New Jersey	Sea Breeze at Lacey
Barnegat Township School District	Jackson School District	NJCares	ShopRite
Berkeley Township School District	Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve	North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - Education
Brandywine Living at The Gables	John F. Peto Studio Museum	Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission	St. Dominic School
Brick Township Senior Outreach Services	Lacey Township School District	Ocean County Health Department	Stafford Township School District
Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey	Lakewood Public School District	Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition's Outreach Subcommittee	Stafford Township Historical Society
Community Resource Advancement Workgroup, Barnegat	Latinas in Business Inc.	Ocean County Human Relations Commission	The American Red Cross
Complete Care at Shorrock Gardens	Lavallette School	Ocean County Office of Senior Services	Bay Head Elementary School
Easterseals	Lehmann School, LADACIN Network	Ocean County Soil Conservation District	The Mental Health Association in New Jersey – New Jersey Hope and Healing
Filipino-American Community Development Center of Ocean County Inc.	The New Lexington Manor	Point Pleasant School District	Toms River Regional School District
The Friends of the Island Beach State Park	Little Egg Harbor School District	Point Pleasant Beach School District	Township of Ocean
Hunger Foundation of Southern Ocean	Long Beach Island Consolidated School District		Tuckerton School District
	Manchester Township School District		Village Resources NJ
			9/11 Memorial and Museum and the National Endowment for the Humanities



# Foundation and Friends

The Foundation undertakes a variety of fundraising and grant writing activities, using their skills at raising private and public funds to provide support for non-traditional Library programs and services not covered by tax dollars or budget.

The Ocean County Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization that aims to enhance the services and opportunities offered to all Ocean County Library users. They support and believe in Ocean County Library's mission of "Connecting People, Building Community, and Transforming Lives."



## 2021 Ocean County Library Foundation Board Members:

Michael R. Beck, Esq., *Chair*  
Douglas J. Hull, Esq., *Vice Chair*  
Elaine H. McConnell, *Treasurer*  
Michele Eventoff, *Secretary*  
James F. Fosbre, Jr.  
Jonathan Z. Petro, Esq.  
Kate Krier  
Mary O. Malagiere  
Kathryn Oles  
Angela Palumbo

Patricia Siciliano  
Barbara York  
Susan L. Hutler,  
*Ocean County Library Commissioner,*  
*Ocean County Library Foundation Liaison*  
Susan Quinn, *Library Director, Ex Officio*  
Franklin H. Berry, Jr., Esq.  
& Edward T. Feurey, Esq.,  
Berry, Sahradnik, Kotzas & Benson, *Counsel*



## Ocean County Library Friends and Friends Steering Committee

Ocean County Library Friends Steering Group, led by Rochelle Blum, Karen Roselli, Kathi Moon and Linda Lafer, was active in supporting several Friends activities throughout 2021 including a membership drive and dine-out fundraising opportunities.

The membership campaign was very successful in gaining 51

new memberships and 337 renewals system-wide for our Friends groups. The combination of membership and fundraising revenue allowed Friends to continue supporting branch needs.

A *Friends of the Library* webpage was developed to be more easily accessible, and added to the Library's website under the "Support Us" drop down menu.

## Donations

Ann Bosch  
Anthony J. Horan  
Beth Schriever  
Bocce Boyz Club-  
Metedezonis  
Curtis Watts  
Domenic (Tom) Testa  
Dorothea Kenul  
Eleanor and  
Steven Mantone  
Emelia Sturgis  
Frank Funke  
Fred and Carol Balbo  
Girolamo and  
Grace Roselli

Hecht Family Foundation  
Heritage Bay Book Club  
Italian Cultural Society of  
LBI  
Jackson Friends of the  
Library  
Jesse Alberda  
JoEllen Gabriel  
Lorilynne Franc  
Lucia and Frank Ludica  
Monika Sisbarro  
Nancy Zimmerman  
Ocean Acres Civic  
Association  
Ocean County Library  
Foundation

Patricia R. Smith  
Patty Erlandsen  
Regina Yokavonus  
Richard and Phyllis Miller  
Richard Ronnow  
Richard and Donna Wilson  
Robert P. Mantone and  
J. Anthony McGlone  
Sheldon Goldstein  
Sylvia Ioime  
Stokes Family  
Whiting Volunteer First Aid  
Squad  
Yolanda Franklin

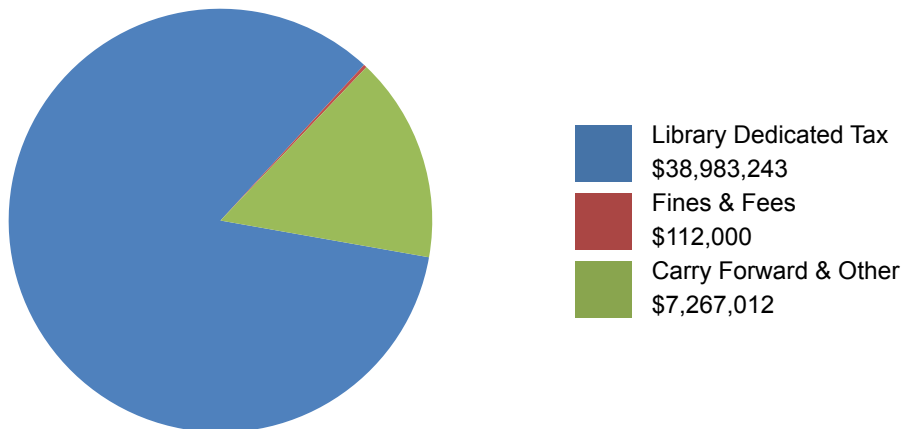
## Grants

KearnyBank Foundation  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
OCCARES Grant

# Adopted 2021 Ocean County Library Budget

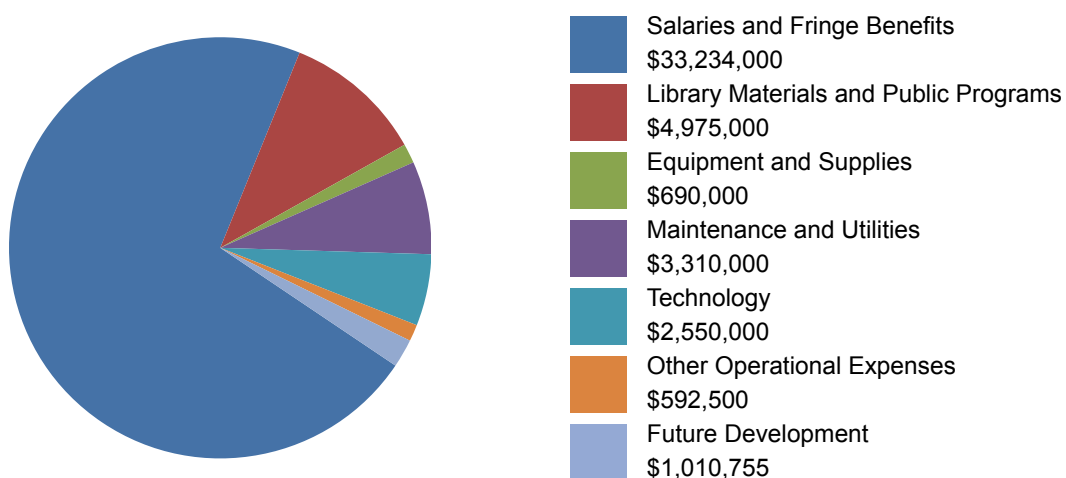
## 2021 Anticipated Revenue

Total Anticipated Revenue: \$46,362,255



## 2021 Anticipated Expenditures

Total Anticipated Expenditures: \$46,362,255





# Financials

## OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

(A Component Unit of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in

Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis

For the year ended December 31, 2021

(With comparative totals for December 31, 2020)

	General (Unreserved) Fund	General (Reserved) Fund	2021 Total	2020 Total (Memorandum Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Per capita aid	\$ -	\$ 315,768	\$ 315,768	\$ 249,331
Dedicated tax	38,983,243	-	38,983,243	38,983,244
Fines and fees	123,112	-	123,112	107,339
Added assessment tax	210,850	-	210,850	364,140
Copier fees	17,758	-	17,758	15,863
Grant revenue	-	-	-	22,683
Donations	-	130,663	130,663	40,148
Appropriation reserves	-	5,182,335	5,182,335	4,966,728
Building improvement	-	188,347	188,347	445,419
FEMA	-	5,000	5,000	-
Miscellaneous	202,493	-	202,493	172,152
Total revenues:	39,537,456	5,822,113	45,359,569	45,367,047
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
	18,013,577	-	18,013,577	17,861,287
Salaries	9,194,966	703,734	9,898,700	9,602,181
Fringe benefits	2,377,803	2,287,011	4,664,814	3,284,399
Materials	-	52,550	52,550	76,838
Programs and public relations	112,728	13,236	125,964	58,267
Professional expenses and seminars	39,674	3,030	42,704	59,689
Professional services	117,304	28,044	145,348	186,990
Administrative services	50,957	266	51,223	102,421
Equipment	70,037	71,275	141,312	88,985
Supplies	-	1,408	1,408	15,563
	-	377,431	377,431	-
Maintenance - buildings and grounds	300,437	71,209	371,646	218,487
Maintenance - equipment and vehicles	1,001,200	83,851	1,085,051	993,900
Utilities	112,486	20,053	132,539	126,660
Technology	800,041	171,253	971,294	984,398
	1,342,057	555,728	1,897,785	1,931,320
Building improvement fund	-	261,441	261,441	518,441
Transfer to appropriation reserves	5,182,335	-	5,182,335	4,966,728
Total expenditures:	38,715,602	4,701,520	43,417,122	41,076,554
Excess revenues over expenditures	821,854	1,120,593	1,942,447	4,290,493
Fund balance, January 1	11,069,663	8,746,343	19,816,006	15,525,513
Transfers to unreserved funds	1,207,794	(1,207,794)	-	-
Transfers to reserved funds	(75,000)	75,000	-	-
Fund balance, December 31	\$ 13,024,311	\$ 8,734,142	\$ 21,758,453	\$ 19,816,006

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Branch	Check Outs 2021
Barnegat	118,972
Bay Head	8,117
Beachwood	20,979
Berkeley	103,935
Brick	455,065
Homebound Inst.	19,933
Island Heights	33,498
Jackson	359,617
Lacey	131,564
Lakewood	562,255
Little Egg Harbor	100,927
Long Beach Island	69,524
Manchester	314,419
Plumsted	47,349
Pt Beach	34,437
Pt Boro	147,840
Stafford	128,340
Toms River	461,537
Tuckerton	27,079
Upper Shores	67,982
Waretown	36,534
Whiting	81,704
eMaterials <sup>1</sup>	625,229
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,956,836</b>

<sup>1</sup>All eMaterials: OverDrive, hoopla, Kanopy, Flipster, Creativebug, Freegal, RBDigital AudioBooks and Magazines.

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<b>BAY HEAD READING CENTER</b>	<b>136 Meadow Avenue • 732-892-0662</b> Branch Manager: Laura Kostihá
<b>BEACHWOOD BRANCH</b>	<b>126 Beachwood Blvd. • 732-244-4573</b> Branch Manager: Steven Copp
<b>BERKELEY BRANCH</b>	<b>30 Station Road • 732-269-2144</b> Branch Manager: Brooke Basista
<b>BRICK BRANCH</b>	<b>301 Chambers Bridge Road • 732-477-4513</b> Branch Manager: Nancy Bonta Voitko Evans
<b>ISLAND HEIGHTS BRANCH</b>	<b>121 Central Avenue • 732-270-6266</b> Branch Manager: Sally Harrison
<b>JACKSON BRANCH</b>	<b>2 Jackson Drive • 732-928-4400</b> Branch Manager: Karen Powell
<b>LACEY BRANCH</b>	<b>10 East Lacey Road • 609-693-8566</b> Branch Manager: Rebecca Leopold-Bunucci
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<b>LITTLE EGG HARBOR BRANCH</b>	<b>290 Mathistown Road • 609-294-1197</b> Branch Manager: Dawn Heyson
<b>LONG BEACH ISLAND BRANCH</b>	<b>217 S. Central Avenue • 609-494-2480</b> Branch Manager: Toni Smirniw
<b>MANCHESTER BRANCH</b>	<b>21 Colonial Drive • 732-657-7600</b> Branch Manager: Erin Batalla
<b>PLUMSTED BRANCH</b>	<b>119 Evergreen Road • 609-758-7888</b> Branch Manager: Alexandra Majeski
<b>POINT PLEASANT BEACH BRANCH</b>	<b>710 McLean Avenue • 732-892-4575</b> Branch Manager: Matthew Willbergh
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<b>STAFFORD BRANCH</b>	<b>129 N. Main Street • 609-597-3381</b> Branch Manager: Theresa Foster
<b>TUCKERTON BRANCH</b>	<b>380 Bay Avenue • 609-296-1470</b> Branch Manager: Cindy Simerlink
<b>UPPER SHORES BRANCH</b>	<b>112 Jersey City Avenue • 732-793-3996</b> Branch Manager: Laura Kostihá
<b>WARETOWN BRANCH</b>	<b>112 Main Street • 609-693-5133</b> Branch Manager: Melanie Bobrowicz
<b>WHITING READING CENTER</b>	<b>400 Lacey Road, Suite #5 • 732-849-0391</b> Branch Manager: Erin Batalla
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