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Ocean County Library Welcomes Greg Neri To Young Adult Author Series

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TOMS RIVER – Award-winning author Greg Neri, whose *Ghetto Cowboy* is now a film starring Idris Elba, will discuss his literature and life during the Ocean County Library's "Dive Into YA: It's Not Just for Teens" virtual series at 6 PM Thursday, October 7.

The series aims to show how real issues, vivid writing, diverse characters and imaginative concepts are broadening the appeal of writers in the Young Adult genre.

The Florida-based writer won a Coretta Scott King honor for *Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*, based on the facts behind a young Chicagoan's death at the hands of his own gang.

Neri's travels to Antarctica through National Science Foundation grants are the basis for several graphic novels, beginning with *The Time Traveling Dino Detectives of Antarctica*. His films include *Picasso On The Beach* and *A Weekend With Barbara Und Ingrid*.

Neri has authored 10 novels, along with short stories, articles and poems, and his work has been published in 25 countries. His free-verse novella *Chess Rumble* earned a Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award.

The series is presented in partnership with Booktowne, Manasquan, NJ. Attendees will receive a 10% discount for Booktowne that can be used through their website.

Registration for this free program is required at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events. Registrants will receive a link by email to join the program.

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