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### **Investigate the Salem Trials: “When There Were Witches” at the Ocean County Library Lacey Branch**

**LACEY TOWNSHIP** – What led to the inhumanity that engulfed a small town in colonial Massachusetts? The Ocean County Library Lacey is pleased to host archivist and historian Mickey DiCamillo’s riveting presentation “When There Were Witches: An Exploration of the Salem Witch Trials,” 7 PM Wednesday, October 11.

In January of 1692, five young girls were seized with a strange illness, causing Salem Villagers to believe they were “under an evil hand”. Events soon spiraled out of control, fed by local divisions and a splintered colonial government.

Mickey will unravel the mystery with archival documents from the period. Attendees will be invited to take part, with transcripts from the 1692 interrogations, and will be welcome to engage in a question-and-answer session following the 60-minute program.

DiCamillo, a trustee of the Moorestown Historical Society, has worked for The University of Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania Historical Society, and the Smithsonian-affiliated Hagley Museum and Library in Delaware.

A frequent lecturer about United States and New Jersey history, his writings have appeared in the *Journal of Film and History* and *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*.

Please register at [www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events) to attend this free program. For more information, visit the OCL Lacey Branch, 10 East Lacey Road, or call (609) 693-8566.

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