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Ocean County Library Toms River Branch to Present 'Jersey Devil Palooza'



TOMS RIVER – It's notorious, it's downright scary...and it's all ours. Come celebrate Pinelands lore during our all-ages Jersey Devil Palooza at the Ocean County Library Toms River Branch, starting at 10:30 AM Friday, October 20.

Highlighting the family-friendly day of folklore and fun will be an exploration of the legend of the Jersey Devil by Frank Esposito, co-author of [*The Secret History of the Jersey Devil: How Quakers, Hucksters and Benjamin Franklin Created a Monster.*](#)

Also on the schedule of events is a special performance by the WREP troupe ("When Radio Entertained People), a scavenger hunt for teens, a child-friendly Take & Make craft, a Jersey Devil-themed basket of swag to be given away, and more events for all ages.

According to the [Pinelands Alliance](#), tales of the Jersey Devil's origins date back more than 250 years. It's described as kangaroo-like, with the face of a horse on a head the shape of a dog's, bat-like wings, horns and a tail. The demon is said to lurk in the forests and even in towns, and was the bane of farmers by laying waste to crops and animals.

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Dr. Frank J. Esposito is a Distinguished Professor of History and Education and former Interim President of Kean University. He is the author of 11 books and over 100 journal and newspaper articles.

[*The Secret History of the Jersey Devil*](#), was co-authored with Brian Regal and published by Johns Hopkins Press, and is available at the Ocean County Library.

Please register for this free program at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events. For more information, stop by the OCL Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, or call (732) 349-6200.

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