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### Manchester Library Featured September Events

**MANCHESTER** – The Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library will host a variety of featured programs throughout the month of September.

- “Art Reception for Christopher Ritter” 2 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 7. Drop in to meet this local artist, listen to him discuss his work, and have refreshments. You may also view Ritter’s exhibit of oil paintings during the library’s regular business hours whenever the meeting room is available until it is removed. Registration is not required for this program but calling the branch beforehand is recommended.
- “Barnegat Bay Ecology: Shellfish Restoration and Responsible Stewardship of Marine Resources” 2 p.m. Monday, Sep. 9. Dr. Douglas Zemeckis will present a seminar about the basic ecology of Barnegat Bay and its environmental health. Attendees will also learn about the importance of shellfish in our coastal ecosystems, ongoing shellfish restoration projects, and more. Information about volunteering opportunities will also be available. This program will focus on projects related to Rutgers Cooperative Extension’s Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program.
- “Beginning Russian Character Dance for Adults” 10 a.m. Thursday, Sep. 12. Character dance is a classical representation of various European folk dances, often seen in classical ballet. Learn the basic steps of traditional Russian character dance such as the Khorovod.
- “Author Talk: Maya van Rossum” 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sep. 16. Author and environmental activist Maya van Rossum will discuss her book, “The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment.” The book proposes an inspiring new agenda for environmental advocacy. It was selected as the 2018 Living Now Evergreen Awards Gold Winner in the Nature Conservation category. Books will be available for purchase following the discussion.
- “How to Use Pinterest” 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sep. 17. Learn all about the virtual bulletin board site to organize ideas you find online. Find out how to “pin” images on your board to keep webpages organized and easy to read. This will be a lecture-style presentation.

- “Hey! It’s Free!” 10 a.m. Saturday, Sep. 21. Learn how to cut your grocery bills in half. This presentation will explore how to receive free coupons and gift cards via apps and websites.
- “Shop Before You Drop: Funerals from a Consumer’s Point of View” 2 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 21. Reduce stress and spending while making final arrangements. This discussion will cover ways to save money on funeral plans. The presenter, Laurie Powsner, is a licensed social worker and Executive Director of the nonprofit organization, the Funeral Consumer Alliance. Participants will receive a free copy of the Funeral Consumer Alliance 2019 Price Comparison Chart.
- “The Calendar Girls” 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sep. 25. The Calendar Girls are a senior performance company whose shows include dance routines, a comedian/emcee, two vocalists, and numerous costume changes. No registration is required.
- “Reliable Social Security Information” 11 a.m. Friday, Sep. 27. Representatives from the Social Security Administration will provide a general overview of Social Security benefits, and online services. This will be followed by a question and answer session.
- “Achieving Financial Fitness” 10 a.m. Monday, Sep. 30. A financial consultant will discuss the ten most important documents to keep up-to-date and close at hand. Learn why it is essential to have a power of attorney in place as well as other tips on protecting yourself and your assets from fraud and scams.

“Barnegat Bay Ecology” and “Author Talk: Maya van Rossum” are being held as part of Ocean County Library’s programming in support of *Water/Ways*, a museum on Main Street exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service. They were made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in *Water/Ways*-related programming do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

The branch is located at 21 Colonial Drive.

Registration is required for these free programs unless otherwise noted. To register, call the branch at 732-657-7600 or visit [theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events).