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**TOMS RIVER** – In support of the 2020 United States Census on April 1, the Ocean County Library will offer practical workshops and informative lectures, presented by the US Census Bureau, at various branches through March.

Discussions include methods to achieve accurate population counts, how Census information is used, and the value of participation. Workshops will offer instruction to everyone interested in working within the US Census Bureau during Census 2020.

## Scheduled events include:

- "Census Jobs Workshop," 10 a.m. Thursday Jan. 9, Toms River Branch.
  Participants can learn how to apply for opportunities offering excellent pay, flexible hours, and paid training. A recruiter will be available.
- "What Does Toms River, Ocean County Census Data Show?," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, Toms River Branch. A US Census Bureau data specialist will demonstrate how to use the Census Bureau's "American Community Survey" digital tool. Participants are welcome to bring laptops for practical experience.
- "Census Business Builder," 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, Lacey Branch. A US Census Bureau Dissemination Specialist will showcase application of the Census Business Builder tool for small business.
- "An Accurate Count for the 2020 Census in Ocean County," 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, Toms River Branch. Attendees will discuss the impact of county and municipal response rates on Ocean County's federal funding and Congressional representation for the next 10 years. Application information for temporary parttime census jobs will be provided.
- "Census Jobs Workshop," 2 p.m. Friday Feb. 28, Toms River Branch.
  Participants can learn how to apply for opportunities offering excellent pay, flexible hours, and paid training. A recruiter will be available.

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- "Census Jobs Workshop," 2 p.m. Thursday Mar. 12, Toms River Branch. Participants can learn how to apply for opportunities offering excellent pay, flexible hours, and paid training. A recruiter will be available.
- "The 2020 Census and Why We Should Participate," 2 p.m. Monday, Mar. 23, Toms River Branch. Attendees can learn the Census's role in maximizing federal dollars and Congressional representation, plus Ocean County population counts and traits dating back to 1850. Application information for temporary part-time census jobs will be provided.
- "You Count: Census 2020," 2 p.m. Tuesday Mar. 24, Long Beach Island Branch. Attendees can learn why the Census is important, how to answer Census questions, and steps being taken to protect information.

The Toms River Branch is located at 101 Washington Street, Toms River. The Lacey Branch is located at 10 E. Lacey Road, Forked River. The Long Beach Island Branch is located at 217 S. Central Avenue, Surf City.

Additional discussions and workshops may be scheduled. Registration is required for the free discussions and workshops, except where otherwise indicated. To register, call the Toms River Branch, 732-364-5900; Lacey Branch, (609) 693-8566; Long Beach Island Branch, (609) 494-2480; or visit <a href="http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events">http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</a>.



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