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Ocean County Library Closing All Branches from March 15 – 29 due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) State and National Emergencies

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library system will close beginning Sunday, March 15 through Sunday, March 29 out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our library staff and customers during the declared state and national emergencies due to the developing conditions concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The library plans to reopen on Monday, March 30.

The library is waiving all late fees and will automatically extend the due dates of all books and materials that are checked out. The book drops at all library branches will be closed. Please help the library by not leaving library books and materials outside our doors, but keep them with you until we reopen.

The Ocean County Library's digital resources and materials, online learning resources, and pre-recorded and live-streamed library programs are available to you for entertainment, education and information 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Enjoy free eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, magazines, and more for children, teens, and adults by visiting our website at www.theoceancountylibrary.org

"The Ocean County Library truly appreciates the support of Freeholder Director Joseph H. Vicari, longtime library liaison on the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, who cares deeply about our staff and the health and welfare of the residents of our county" said Susan Quinn, Library Director "and also for the leadership of Ruthanne Scaturro, Library Commission Chair, both of whom I have been in constant communication with about this developing situation.

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