



# OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

Connecting People ... Building Community...Transforming Lives

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### Find New Ways to “Connect” at Ocean County Library During National Library Week

**TOMS RIVER** – “Connect with Your Library” is the theme of National Library Week, April 3 – 9, 2022. The Ocean County Library invite patrons and visitors to explore the many advantages of connecting with OCL, at its 21 branches and reading centers, and online.

#### ***Live events***

Author appearances, literary chats, book cafés for special-needs adults, and more are taking place at various branches. See the list at [www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events).

#### ***Prom Dress Giveaway***

The popular [OCL Prom Dress Giveaway](#) returns for its 14<sup>th</sup> year, March 29 through April 21 at the Toms River, Little Egg Harbor, and Brick Branches. Gowns are given absolutely free of charge, and no registration is required.

#### ***Autism Resources Fair, Center, & Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space***

The Library’s fourth [Autism Resources Fair](#) begins April 2 with virtual programs, Makerspace activities and Beanstack trivia challenges. The Joseph H. Vicari Sensory Space in the Toms River Branch offers interactive activities in a calm environment. The OCL [Autism Resources Center](#) contains links to resources, events and videos.

#### ***Fine Free Policy***

The Library no longer charges daily fees for most materials that are not returned in a timely manner. Items that exceed 10 overdue days are considered lost. The costs of eligible items are applied to customers’ accounts, and removed upon the items’ return.

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### **Museum Pass Program**

The Library's [Museum Pass Program](#) provides cardholders access to free or discounted admission to fascinating cultural and educational attractions in Ocean County and throughout the New York-New Jersey-Philadelphia metropolitan region.

### **Videos & Podcasts**

Hundreds of instructional and entertaining videos by Library staffers are stored on the OCL website and [YouTube](#) channel. Podcasts that explore new literature, video gaming, cultural issues and more are available on the Library's [Spotify](#) platform.

### **Digital Resources**

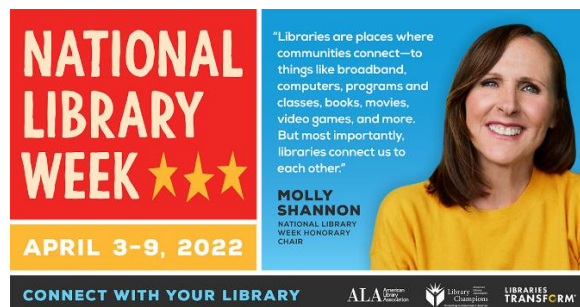
The OCL website connects cardholders of all ages to countless eBooks, music and video streams, live tutoring and homework help, news publications and magazines, online education, crafting courses, job-seeking support, and much more. [Apply for a card online.](#)

### **OCL Mobile App**

The [Ocean County Library Mobile App](#), available for free download through the App Store or Google Play, lets you browse the catalog, access your account, place items on hold, see details of upcoming events, and stay connected on social media.

Visit any OCL branch or reading center during National Library Week, and leave your comments about how you "Connect with Your Library." Find special National Library Week videos on [YouTube](#), and posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Keep up with Library programs and events at [www.theoceancountylibrary.org](http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Spotify](#), and [Pinterest](#).



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