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Crystal Maldonado Virtual Chat Inaugurates Ocean County Library Young Adult Author Series

TOMS RIVER – Author Crystal Maldonado, whose debut novel *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* met with wide acclaim this year, will lead off the Ocean County Library's new "Dive Into YA: It's Not Just for Teens" virtual discussion series at 6 PM Thursday, April 8.

According to www.crystalwrote.com, the Massachusetts-based media strategist has been featured in Buzzfeed, the *Hartford Courant*, and *Latina Magazine*.

She describes *Fat Chance, Charlie Vega* as the story of a teen who "follows her writing dreams, resists her mother's weight-loss schemes, and even falls for the cute boy from art class – until she realizes that he may be after her BFF."

The series aims to show the increasing appeal of Young Adult literature beyond teens. Fast-paced and conceptually bold, YA literature addresses real issues, presents diverse characters, and sparks the imagination.

The series is presented in partnership with Booktowne, Manasquan, NJ. Attendees will receive a 10% discount for Booktowne that can be used through their website.

Registration for this free program is required at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events. Registrants will receive a link by email to join the program.

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